

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u>      </u> (Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u>      </u> (Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u>      </u> (Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u>      </u> (Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u>      </u> (Y/N)
OTHER	<u>      </u>

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health Professions &

2 Programs Subcommittee

3 Representative Salzman offered the following:

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5 **Amendment**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 **Section 1. Subsections (10) of section 464.015, Florida**  
8 **Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (11) and a new**  
9 **subsection (10) is added to that section, to read:**

10 464.015 Titles and abbreviations; restrictions; penalty.—

11 (9) A person may not practice or advertise as, or assume  
12 the title of, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse,  
13 clinical nurse specialist, certified registered nurse  
14 anesthetist, certified nurse midwife, certified nurse  
15 practitioner, or advanced practice registered nurse or use the  
16 abbreviation "R.N.," "L.P.N.," "C.N.S.," "C.R.N.A.," "C.N.M.,"

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"C.N.P.," or "A.P.R.N." or take any other action that would lead the public to believe that person was authorized by law to practice as such or is performing nursing services pursuant to the exception set forth in s. 464.022(8) unless that person is licensed, certified, or authorized pursuant to s. 464.0095 to practice as such.

(10) A person who is licensed pursuant to this chapter and holds a doctoral degree may use the title "Doctor of Nursing Practice," the abbreviation "D.N.P.," the title "Doctor of Philosophy," and the abbreviation, "Ph.D.," in a manner consistent with the doctoral degree such person has obtained. A nurse who holds a doctoral degree may not use the title "doctor" in a clinical setting without clearly specifying their profession.

(10)(11) A violation of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.