

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the use of professional nursing
3 titles; amending s. 464.015, F.S.; authorizing persons
4 who hold specified licenses to practice professional
5 nursing or to perform nursing services to use certain
6 titles and abbreviations; requiring doctoral degree
7 holders to specify their profession when using a
8 specified title; providing an effective date.
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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12 **Section 1. Present subsection (10) of section 464.015,**
13 **Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (11), and a new**
14 **subsection (10) is added to that section, to read:**

15 464.015 Titles and abbreviations; restrictions; penalty.-
16 (10) Only a person who holds a license in this state or a
17 multistate license pursuant to s. 464.0095 to practice
18 professional nursing or to perform nursing services is
19 authorized to use the title Doctor of Nursing Practice and the
20 abbreviation "D.N.P.," the title Doctor of Philosophy and the
21 abbreviation "Ph.D.," or other titles or abbreviations
22 authorized under his or her practice act. Doctoral degree
23 holders must specify their profession when using the term
24 "doctor."

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