

CS/HB 237

2026

A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the use of professional nursing titles; amending s. 464.015, F.S.; authorizing persons who hold specified degrees to use certain titles and abbreviations; requiring certain doctoral degree holders to specify their profession when using a specified title; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (10) of section 464.015, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (11), and a new subsection (10) is added to that section, to read:

464.015 Titles and abbreviations; restrictions; penalty.—
(10) A person who is licensed pursuant to this chapter and holds a doctoral degree may use the title "Doctor of Nursing Practice" and the abbreviation "D.N.P." or 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.

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