

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 degrees to use certain titles and  
5       abbreviations; requiring certain doctoral degree  
6       holders to specify their profession when using a  
7       specified title; providing an effective date.  
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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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11       **Section 1. Subsection (10) of section 464.015, Florida**  
12 **Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (11), and a new subsection**  
13 **(10) is added to that section, to read:**

14       464.015   Titles and abbreviations; restrictions; penalty.—  
15       (10) A person who is licensed pursuant to this chapter and  
16 holds a doctoral degree may use the title "Doctor of Nursing  
17 Practice" and the abbreviation "D.N.P." or the title "Doctor of  
18 Philosophy" and the abbreviation "Ph.D." in a manner consistent  
19 with the doctoral degree such person has obtained. A nurse who  
20 holds a doctoral degree may not use the title "doctor" in a  
21 clinical setting without clearly specifying their profession.

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