

**By** the Committee on Health Policy; and Senators Sharief, Osgood, Davis, Rouson, and Berman

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the use of professional nursing titles; amending s. 464.015, F.S.; authorizing licensed nurses who hold a doctoral degree to use specified titles and abbreviations in a specified manner; prohibiting nurses who hold a doctoral degree from using a specified title in the clinical setting without clearly specifying their profession; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Present subsection (10) of section 464.015, Ida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (11), and a section (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 his or her profession.

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