

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

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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
4 licensed nurses who hold a doctoral degree to use
5 specified titles and abbreviations in a specified
6 manner; prohibiting nurses who hold a doctoral degree
7 from using a specified title in the clinical setting
8 without clearly specifying their profession; providing
9 an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Present subsection (10) of section 464.015,
14 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (11), and a new
15 subsection (10) is added to that section, to read:

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

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