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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to practice of the profession of pharmacy; amending s. 465.003, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "practice of the profession of pharmacy"; creating s. 465.1894, F.S.; authorizing pharmacists who meet specified criteria to, at the direction of a licensed physician, administer medications at a Level I or Level II trauma center under certain circumstances; requiring trauma centers to retain certain documentation to employ pharmacists to perform such tasks; requiring the Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules; reenacting ss. 465.1901 and 626.8825(1)(r), F.S., relating to the practice of orthotics and pedorthics and pharmacy benefit manager transparency and accountability, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made by this act to s. 465.003, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (22) of section 465.003, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

465.003 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

(22) "Practice of the profession of pharmacy" includes compounding, dispensing, and consulting concerning contents, therapeutic values, and uses of any medicinal drug; consulting concerning therapeutic values and interactions of patent or proprietary preparations, whether pursuant to prescriptions or

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in the absence and entirely independent of such prescriptions or orders; and conducting other pharmaceutical services. For purposes of this subsection, the term "other pharmaceutical services" means monitoring the patient's drug therapy and assisting the patient in the management of his or her drug therapy, and includes reviewing, and making recommendations regarding, the patient's drug therapy and health care status in communication with the patient's prescribing health care provider as licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 461, or chapter 466, or a similar statutory provision in another jurisdiction, or such provider's agent or such other persons as specifically authorized by the patient; and initiating, modifying, or discontinuing drug therapy for a chronic health condition under a collaborative pharmacy practice agreement. This subsection may not be interpreted to permit an alteration of a prescriber's directions, the diagnosis or treatment of any disease, the initiation of any drug therapy, the practice of medicine, or the practice of osteopathic medicine, unless otherwise permitted by law or specifically authorized by s. 465.1865 or s. 465.1895. The term "practice of the profession of pharmacy" also includes any other act, service, operation, research, or transaction incidental to, or forming a part of, any of the foregoing acts, requiring, involving, or employing the science or art of any branch of the pharmaceutical profession, study, or training, and shall expressly permit a pharmacist to transmit information from persons authorized to prescribe medicinal drugs to their patients. The practice of the profession of pharmacy also includes the administration of vaccines to adults pursuant to s. 465.189; the testing or

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screening for and treatment of minor, nonchronic health conditions pursuant to s. 465.1895; and the preparation of prepackaged drug products in facilities holding Class III institutional pharmacy permits. The term also includes the ordering and evaluating of any laboratory or clinical testing; conducting patient assessments; and modifying, discontinuing, or administering medicinal drugs pursuant to s. 465.0125 by a consultant pharmacist. The term also includes the ordering and administration of the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments-waived tests, including serology tests authorized by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or an equivalent regulatory authorization, subject to the disclaimers and limitations required by the FDA for such tests.

Section 2. Section 465.1894, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

465.1894 Administration of medications.—

(1) A pharmacist, at the direction of a physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, who meets the following qualifications may administer medications to a patient during a life-threatening emergency event at a Level I or Level II trauma center when delegated to perform such task:

(a) The pharmacist has completed an accredited postgraduate residency training program; or

(b) The pharmacist has completed at least 3 years of direct patient care in a hospital setting.

Each trauma center must retain on record documentation of a pharmacist's qualification under paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) to perform such tasks before employing the pharmacist to

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administer medication under this subsection.

(2) The board shall adopt rules to administer this section.

Section 3. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 465.003, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, section 465.1901, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

465.1901 Practice of orthotics and pedorthics.—The provisions of chapter 468 relating to orthotics or pedorthics do not apply to any licensed pharmacist or to any person acting under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist. The practice of orthotics or pedorthics by a pharmacist or any of the pharmacist's employees acting under the supervision of a pharmacist shall be construed to be within the meaning of the term "practice of the profession of pharmacy" as defined in s. 465.003, and shall be subject to regulation in the same manner as any other pharmacy practice. The Board of Pharmacy shall develop rules regarding the practice of orthotics and pedorthics by a pharmacist. Any pharmacist or person under the supervision of a pharmacist engaged in the practice of orthotics or pedorthics is not precluded from continuing that practice pending adoption of these rules.

Section 4. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 465.003, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (r) of subsection (1) of section 626.8825, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

626.8825 Pharmacy benefit manager transparency and accountability.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

(r) "Pharmacist services" means products, goods, and

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117 services or any combination of products, goods, and services
118 provided as part of the practice of the profession of pharmacy
119 as defined in s. 465.003 or otherwise covered by a pharmacy
120 benefits plan or program.

121 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.