A bill to be entitled
An act relating to autonomous practice by an advanced
practice registered nurse; amending s. 395.0191, F.S.;
revising staff membership and clinical privileges for
certain advanced practice registered nurses; amending
s. 464.0123, F.S.; revising practice requirements for
an autonomous advanced practice registered nurse;
revising practice requirements for certified nurse
midwives; authorizing an autonomous advanced practice
registered nurse to perform certain acts; providing
for expiration of the Council on Advanced Practice
Registered Nurse Autonomous Practice; providing an
effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
395.0191, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

395.0191 Staff membership and clinical privileges.—
(2)
(b) An advanced practice registered nurse who is certified
as a registered nurse anesthetist licensed under part I of
chapter 464 shall administer anesthesia under the onsite medical
direction of a professional licensed under chapter 458, chapter
459, or chapter 466, and in accordance with an established
protocol approved by the medical staff. The medical direction shall specifically address the needs of the individual patient. This paragraph does not apply to an advanced practice registered nurse registered as an autonomous advanced practice registered nurse under s. 464.0123 who is a certified registered nurse anesthetist under part 1 of chapter 464.

Section 2. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (3) of section 464.0123, Florida Statutes, are amended and paragraph (e) is added to subsection (4) of that section, to read:

464.0123 Autonomous practice by an advanced practice registered nurse.—

(3) PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS.—

(a) An advanced practice registered nurse who is registered under this section may:

1. Engage in autonomous practice only in primary care practice, including family medicine, general pediatrics, and general internal medicine, as defined by board rule.

2. For certified nurse midwives, engage in autonomous practice in the performance of the acts listed in s. 464.012(4)(d).

3. Perform the general functions of an advanced practice registered nurse under s. 464.012(3) and the acts within his or her specialty under s. 464.012(4) related to primary care.

4. For a patient who requires the services of a health care facility, as defined in s. 408.032(8):
51  a. Admit the patient to the facility.
52  b. Manage the care received by the patient in the
53    facility.
54  c. Discharge the patient from the facility, unless
55    prohibited by federal law or rule.
56 4. Provide a signature, certification, stamp, 
57    verification, affidavit, or endorsement that is otherwise
58    required by law to be provided by a physician, except an
59    advanced practice registered nurse registered under this section
60    may not issue a physician certification under s. 381.986.
61  (b) A certified nurse midwife providing out-of-hospital
62    birth services must have a written plan for the appropriate
63    delivery of emergency care. A copy of the plan must be
64    maintained on file and must include all of the following:
65    1. The name and address of the closest hospital.
66    2. Reasons for which an emergency transfer may be
67    required.
68    3. Emergency medical services to be used in the event of
69    an emergency patient transfer agreement with a hospital and a
70    written referral agreement with a physician licensed under
71    chapter 458 or chapter 459 to engage in nurse midwifery.
72  (4) COUNCIL ON ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE
73    AUTONOMOUS PRACTICE.—
74  (e) The council shall expire on July 1, 2024.
75  Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.