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The FS for SB 1290 creates the Medical Care Provider Protection Act. The measure modifies the term “emergency medical care provider” by eliminating the descriptor of emergency and expands the term to include laboratory technicians, radiologic technologists, physical therapists, physician assistants, chaplains, volunteers, pharmacists, nursing students, and medical students.

SB 1290 also increases the punishments associated with assaulting a medical care provider by creating a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 2 years and increasing the maximum sentence to 5 years of imprisonment. Hospitals, health clinics, and ambulatory services are required to display a sign stating that assaulting a provider is a serious crime as well as report every assault to the State Department of Health.

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