

Bill Summary
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Bill No.:	SB 1290
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Bill Analysis

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, medical students, and any other employees of a healthcare facility.

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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Fiscal Analysis

FY’21 Impact: Depends on conviction and sentencing

Full Year Impact: Depends on conviction and sentencing

Introduced– creates the Medical Care Protection Act, expands definition of "medical care provider", increases punishment for assaulting a medical care provider, requires hospitals, health clinics, and ambulatory services to post signage and to report all such assaults annually to the Dept of Health. Gives Dept of Health rulemaking authority to implement rules. FY'19 daily costs per inmate at DOC: \$90.48 (max security), \$52.35 (med security). \$48.19 (min security) \$49.41 (community level). These amounts were provided by DOC and include all direct, indirect, and medical costs. Cost to Dept of Health is pending.

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