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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Adds licensed athletic trainers to the definitions of "state health care provider" and "health care provider" in order to include licensed athletic trainers within the medical malpractice limitations of liability.

Present law provides a limitation of liability for state health care providers for state health care services and for health care providers for private health care services, each of which limits their malpractice liability to \$500,000, plus interest and costs, exclusive of future medical care and related benefits.

Present law provides definitions for "state health care provider" and for "health care provider", both of which include, in part, physicians, psychologists, dentists, registered nurses, pharmacists, optometrists, social workers, and physical and occupational therapists.

Proposed law adds licensed athletic trainers who are employed by, referred by, or performing work under contract for a state health care provider or other person covered under the Malpractice Liability for State Services Act, as well as licensed athletic trainers who are employed by, referred by or performing work under contract for a health care provider or other person covered under the Medical Malpractice Act, to the respective definitions of "state health care provider" and "health care provider" in order to include such licensed athletic trainers within the medical malpractice limitations of liability.

(Amends R.S. 40:1231.1(A)(10) and 1237.1(A)(9)(a)(ii)(intro. para.))