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DIGEST

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> provides that the legislature by law may limit or provide for the extent of liability of a health care provider in all cases, and provides that the limitation of liability shall apply to all damages and losses, however characterized, of a provider of medical or health care with respect to treatment, lack of treatment, or other claimed departure from an accepted standard of medical or health care.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> provides that the claim or cause of action includes a medical or health care liability claim as defined by the legislature.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> provides that a law effective on or after January 1, 2012, the legislature by law may limit or provide for the extent of liability for all damages and losses.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> provides for retroactive application.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held October 22, 2011.

Effective January 1, 2012.

(Adds Const. Art. XII, §16)