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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Adds licensed respiratory therapists, radiologic technologists, and clinical laboratory scientists to the definition of "health care provider" for the purposes of the medical malpractice acts for state and private services.

Present law defines "health care provider" for the purposes of the Medical Malpractice Act for both state and private services.

Proposed law adds licensed respiratory therapists, licensed radiologic technologists, and licensed clinical laboratory scientists to the definition of "health care provider" under both the state and private medical malpractice acts.

Present law includes occupational therapists in the definition of "health care provider" in the Medical Malpractice Act for private services.

Proposed law adds occupational therapists to the definition of "state health care provider".

(Amends R.S. 40:1299.39(A)(1)(a)(ii)(intro. para.) and 1299.41(A)(10))