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- 1 Two or three year limitations.** Removes from section 541.07 the statute of limitations for medical malpractice.
- 2 Health care provider actions.** Relocates the medical malpractice limitation period in its own section. Makes the substantive change that these actions must be brought within four years after the date the cause of action accrued. Under the prior statute, a medical malpractice case had to be started within two years after the cause of action accrued. As interpreted by court cases, the time starts running when treatment ends.
- 3 Effective date; application.** Section 2 is effective August 1, 1999, for actions begun on or after that date.