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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill increases penalties for crimes committed in patient care zones.

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- 1** **Definition.** Defines “patient care zone” to include property owned, leased, or controlled by, and specified areas surrounding, hospitals, hospice providers, and nursing homes. (This definition is found in the controlled substance chapter and is cross-referenced in other chapters.)
- 2-5** **Controlled substance sale/possession crimes.** Add “patient care zone” to the list of protected areas where enhanced penalties apply for controlled substance offenses. Currently, penalty enhancements apply in a school zone, park zone, public housing zone, and drug treatment facility.
- 6** **Consecutive sentences; assaults committed by inmates.** Amends provision requiring consecutive (vs. concurrent) sentencing for assaults committed by inmates while confined in a state correctional facility. Requires consecutive sentencing for assaults committed by an inmate receiving medical assistance services while in a medical institution.
- 7** **Crimes committed in patient care zone; increased penalties.** Creates increased penalties for committing the following crimes in a patient care zone: first – third degree murder, first and second degree manslaughter, first – fourth degree assault, domestic assault, and domestic assault by strangulation. Provides that:
  - if the underlying crime is a felony, the statutory maximum is three years longer;

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- if the underlying crime is a gross misdemeanor, the person is guilty of a two-year felony; and
- if the underlying crime is a misdemeanor, the person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

**8-10 Dangerous weapon crimes.** Add “patient care zone” to the list of protected areas where enhanced penalties apply for crimes involving dangerous weapons. Currently, penalty enhancements apply in school, park, or public housing zones.

**11 Terroristic threats committed in patient care zones.** Increases the statutory maximum by three years for felony terroristic threats committed in a patient care zone.