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Catch Title: Providers' orders for life sustaining treatment.

Subject: Creates Providers Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment Program

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act repeals W.S. 35-22-201 through 208, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Directives and creates a new program, Providers Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST), to address end-of-life health care issues.
- The POLST Program:
 - Provides for patients to communicate their desires regarding end-of-life medical treatment to a health care provider, and have those desires incorporated into a POLST document signed by the patient and provider;
 - Allows a POLST form to be executed by a surrogate on behalf of a patient who lacks capacity;
 - Requires the Department of Health to adopt rules and standardized POLST forms to implement the program and provide training to health care providers;
 - POLST forms shall include the patient's directive concerning life sustaining treatment and signatures of the patient (or surrogate) and primary health care provider;
 - Requires providers and emergency medical service personnel to comply with a valid POLST form;
 - Allows for revocation of a POLST form by a patient or surrogate;
 - Prohibits providers from requiring execution of a POLST form as a condition for treatment, or any adverse action by a life or health insurance company based on signing or refusing to sign a POLST form.