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SENATE BILL 740
Judiciary I Committee Substitute Adopted 5/9/92
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Short Title: Health Care Provider Runners.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 22, 1991

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT RELATING TO RUNNERS FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 Section 1. Chapter 90 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
5 Article to read:

6 **“ARTICLE 27.**
7 **“RUNNERS PROHIBITED.**

8 **“§ 90-400. Definition.**

9 As used in this Article, a health care provider is a person holding any license issued
10 under this Chapter.

11 **“§ 90-401. Direct solicitation prohibited.**

12 A health care provider shall not solicit, through face to face or telephonic
13 communication, any individual prospective patient who the health care provider knows
14 has been involved in a recent motor vehicle accident or catastrophic event.

15 **“§ 90-402. Runners prohibited.**

16 A health care provider shall not financially compensate in any manner a person,
17 firm, or corporation for recommending or securing the health care provider's
18 employment by a patient, or as a reward for having made a recommendation resulting in
19 the health care provider's employment by a patient. This provision shall not be
20 construed to prohibit a health care provider's purchase of advertising from a bona fide
21 mass media outlet.

22 **“§ 90-403. Sanctions.**

1 Violation of G.S. 90-401 or G.S. 90-402 shall be grounds for the offending health
2 care provider's licensing board to suspend or revoke the health care provider's license, to
3 refuse to renew the health care provider's license, or to take any other disciplinary action
4 authorized by law."

5 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.