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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill limits the ways in which health care providers may solicit auto accident victims.

Section

- 1 Unethical practices.** (a) Prohibits a health care provider from directly soliciting an auto accident victim in person, by telephone, or other electronic means (such as email). Also prohibits this conduct if done by someone else (such as a “runner”) on behalf of the provider. This paragraph does not apply if the injured person initiates contact.
- (b) Permits solicitation by mail if the written material meets certain requirements. Prohibits providers from violating paragraph (a) after mailing the materials.
- (c) Says that this bill does not apply to advertising in public media, general marketing practices, contact with friends or relatives, or statements made in a social setting.
- (d) Makes a violation of this bill grounds for disciplinary action by the provider’s licensing authority.