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Short Title: The Baucum-Reynolds Safe Roads Act.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CREATE A PERMISSIVE INFERENCE OF PROXIMATE CAUSE FOR THE
USE OF A MOBILE PHONE WHEN INVOLVED IN A REPORTABLE CRASH.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 3 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding
a new section to read:

"§ 20-137.4B. Mobile phone use in a crash; permissive inference.

In a civil action for damages resulting from a reportable crash resulting in death or serious
injury, if the trier of fact finds that a mobile phone or additional technology, as those terms are
defined in G.S. 20-173.3, was in use by a driver at the time of the reportable crash, the trier of
fact may infer that the use of the mobile phone or additional technology was a proximate cause
of the reportable crash."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2011, and applies to causes of
action arising on or after that date.



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