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HOUSE BILL 850  
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H850-PCS30362-SA-35

Short Title: The Baucum-Reynolds Safe Roads Act.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 7, 2011

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, the trier of fact may infer  
that the use of a mobile phone or additional technology, as those terms are defined in  
G.S. 20-137.3, 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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