**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 2019**

**DRAFT BILL**

Short Title: Solicitation of Accident Victims

Sponsors:

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROTECT THE PRIVACY OF PERSONS INJURED IN MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS BY LIMITING IN-PERSON AND TELEPHONE SOLICITATION

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

 **SECTION 1.** Article 52 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

“**§ 14-401.26. Unlawful solicitation of injured persons.**

It shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person, firm or corporation, in the course of conducting business, to initiate direct personal contact or telephone contact with any person who has been injured in a motor vehicle collision, or with any person residing in the injured person’s household, for a period of 90 days following the collision, if the purpose of initiating contact is, in whole or part, to induce or persuade the injured person to become the patient of a particular health care provider or the client of a particular attorney or law firm. As used in this section, “telephone contact” includes transmission of text messages.”

 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.