

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 850
Committee Substitute Favorable 6/2/11

Short Title: The Baucum-Reynolds Safe Roads Act.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 7, 2011

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CREATE A PERMISSIVE INFERENCE OF PROXIMATE CASE FOR THE
3 USE OF A MOBILE PHONE WHEN INVOLVED IN A REPORTABLE CRASH.
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
5 **SECTION 1.** Article 3 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding
6 a new section to read:
7 "**§ 20-137.4B. Mobile phone use in a crash; permissive inference.**
8 In a civil action for damages resulting from a reportable crash, the trier of fact may infer
9 that the use of a mobile phone or additional technology, as those terms are defined in
10 G.S. 20-137.3, was a proximate cause of the reportable crash."
11 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2011, and applies to causes of
12 action arising on or after that date.

