

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 1991

CHAPTER 858
SENATE BILL 740

AN ACT RELATING TO RUNNERS FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 90 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Article to read:

"ARTICLE 27.
"Runners Prohibited.

"§ 90-400. Definition.

As used in this Article, a health care provider is a person holding any license issued under this Chapter.

"§ 90-401. Runners prohibited.

A health care provider shall not financially compensate in any manner a person, firm, or corporation for recommending or securing the health care provider's employment by a patient, or as a reward for having made a recommendation resulting in the health care provider's employment by a patient. This provision shall not be construed to prohibit a health care provider's purchase of advertising from a bona fide mass media outlet.

"§ 90-402. Sanctions.

Violation of G.S. 90-401 shall be grounds for the offending health care provider's licensing board to suspend or revoke the health care provider's license, to refuse to renew the health care provider's license, or to take any other disciplinary action authorized by law."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 7th day of July, 1992.

James C. Gardner
President of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives