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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INJURY CONTROL PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AND TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR PHYSICIANS AND OPTOMETRISTS TO REPORT DISABILITIES AFFECTING DRIVING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 130A is amended by adding the following new Article:

"ARTICLE 20.

"INJURY CONTROL.

"§ 130A-461. Department to establish injury control program.

(a) The Department shall establish and administer an injury control program. The program may include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) Injury prevention services including health education, community coordination, and identification of persons at high risk for injury;

(2) Training for injury control personnel.

(b) The Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement the program.

"§ 130A-462. Prevention of motor vehicle injuries.

For the protection of the public health, the Commission shall adopt by rule a list of mental or physical disabilities that may affect a person's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely. Physicians licensed to practice medicine and licensed optometrists may report to the Department cases of such mental or physical disabilities among their

1 patients who are licensed to operate a motor vehicle. The Department shall review and
2 investigate the reports and, if necessary to protect the public health, shall notify the
3 Division of Motor Vehicles. The provisions of G.S. 130A-141 and G.S. 130A-142 shall
4 apply to reports made pursuant to this section."

5 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 1992.