

House Research Act Summary

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Overview

This act deals with health care providers who use intermediaries called "runners, cappers, and steerers" to seek out and solicit motor vehicle accident victims as patients. This bill follows up on related legislation enacted in 2002 and 2008. Both sections of this act are effective January 1, 2013.

- 1 Unethical practices.** Adds "runners, cappers and steerers," as defined in existing law as amended in section 2 of this bill, to a list of types of persons not permitted to solicit motor vehicle accident victims as patients for a licensed health care provider. Tightens up language to prohibit health care providers from using third parties to solicit business from motor vehicle accident victims. Broadens language that now references only chiropractors. Regulates advertising, solicitations, or referrals by or on behalf of health care providers in connection with motor vehicle accidents.
- 2 Definitions.** For purposes of criminal law, strengthens the definition of runners, cappers, and steerers and makes changes consistent with the changes made in section 1 of this bill. (Under current law in subdivision 2 (not amended in this bill) of the statute amended in this section, employing, using, or acting as a runner, capper, or steerer is a felony carrying a penalty of up to three years imprisonment and/or a fine of up to \$6,000.)