

(II) INCLUDES INFORMATION ABOUT A PERSON INVOLVED IN THE MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT, INCLUDING THE PERSON'S NAME, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND ADDRESS.

[(a)] (B) Without an existing relationship or interest in an issue:

(1) a person may not, for personal gain, solicit another person to sue or to retain a lawyer to represent the other person in a lawsuit;

(2) A PERSON MAY NOT, FOR PERSONAL GAIN, ACCESS A REPORT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SOLICITING ANOTHER PERSON TO SUE OR TO RETAIN A LAWYER TO REPRESENT THE OTHER PERSON; and

[(2)] (3) a lawyer, except as provided in the Rules of Professional Conduct, may not:

(i) for personal gain, solicit another person to sue or to retain the lawyer to represent the person in a lawsuit;

(ii) directly or indirectly employ or in any way compensate or agree to employ or compensate any person as an expert witness or otherwise for the purpose of having that person solicit or attempt to solicit clients for the lawyer;

(iii) knowingly represent a person who retained the lawyer as a result of solicitation prohibited under this section; or

(iv) cause a case to be instituted without the authority of a client.

[(b)] (C) Any solicitation involving acts described in this section is prima facie evidence that the person soliciting is acting for gain.

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(c) Except as provided in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, a person who violates any provision of this title is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2008.