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H.B. No. 1198

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a public awareness campaign to promote the proper attachment of trailers to certain motor vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 201, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 201.625 to read as follows:

Sec. 201.625. TRAILER ATTACHMENT CAMPAIGN. (a) In this section, "passenger car" has the meaning assigned by Section 541.201.

(b) The department shall develop and implement a public awareness campaign to promote the proper attachment of a trailer to a passenger car and raise awareness regarding the potential consequences of failing to attach a trailer properly.

(c) In implementing the campaign, the department may engage in online advocacy, issue public service announcements, and distribute materials relating to the campaign.

(d) The department may pay the costs of the campaign and its administration from:

(1) gifts, grants, or donations;

(2) matching funds; and

(3) other funds made available for that purpose, including available department revenue.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.