

1-1 By: Dean (Senate Sponsor - Hughes) H.B. No. 1198
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2023;
1-3 May 5, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Transportation; May 17, 2023, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 17, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Nichols	X		
1-9	West	X		
1-10	Alvarado	X		
1-11	Eckhardt	X		
1-12	Hancock	X		
1-13	King	X		
1-14	Miles	X		
1-15	Parker	X		
1-16	Perry	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a public awareness campaign to promote the proper
1-20 attachment of trailers to certain motor vehicles.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 201, Transportation Code,
1-23 is amended by adding Section 201.625 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 201.625. TRAILER ATTACHMENT CAMPAIGN. (a) In this
1-25 section, "passenger car" has the meaning assigned by Section
1-26 541.201.

1-27 (b) The department shall develop and implement a public
1-28 awareness campaign to promote the proper attachment of a trailer to
1-29 a passenger car and raise awareness regarding the potential
1-30 consequences of failing to attach a trailer properly.

1-31 (c) In implementing the campaign, the department may engage
1-32 in online advocacy, issue public service announcements, and
1-33 distribute materials relating to the campaign.

1-34 (d) The department may pay the costs of the campaign and its
1-35 administration from:

1-36 (1) gifts, grants, or donations;

1-37 (2) matching funds; and

1-38 (3) other funds made available for that purpose,
1-39 including available department revenue.

1-40 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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