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H.B. No. 4797

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to training on the treatment of toll project roadways
during inclement weather.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 372, Transportation Code,
is amended by adding Section 372.059 to read as follows:

Sec. 372.059. TREATMENT OF TOLL ROADWAY DURING INCLEMENT
WEATHER. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (e), a toll project
entity that treats a roadway maintained by the entity during icy or
snowy weather shall require each employee or contractor who
develops and supervises a plan for roadway treatment to complete a
training course on treating roadways during icy or snowy weather in
the same manner as a department employee who treats roadways during
icy or snowy weather.

(b) The department, in coordination with public toll
project entities:

(1) shall make training courses that the department
provides to department employees who develop and supervise plans
for roadway treatment available to a person required to receive
training under Subsection (a); and

(2) may adopt rules as necessary to implement this
section.

(c) The department, in coordination with toll project
entities, shall identify the types of employees and contractors who

1 are subject to the training requirements under Subsection (a).

2 (d) A training course described by Subsection (b) must
3 include instruction regarding:

4 (1) prioritizing treatment of elevated structures and
5 other roadway elements that pose the highest risk to public health
6 and safety during icy or snowy weather;

7 (2) timing of treatment of roadways during icy or
8 snowy weather; and

9 (3) treatment of general purpose lanes adjacent to a
10 toll project.

11 (e) The department may authorize a toll project entity to
12 require that an employee or contractor required to receive training
13 under Subsection (a) complete a training course provided by another
14 entity that includes substantially the same information as a course
15 provided by the department.

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