

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.H.B. 372
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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

C.S.H.B. 372 requires the Department of Public Safety by rule to exempt certain types of trailers that exhibit adequate safety standards from the required use of towing safety chains.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Department of Public Safety in SECTION 1 (Section 545.410, Transportation Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 545.410(a), Transportation Code, to require the Department of Public Safety by rule to exempt certain types of trailers that exhibit adequate safety standards from the requirements of this subsection (requiring the use of safety chains when towing certain types of trailers). Deletes existing text providing that this subsection does not apply to certain trailers used for agriculture.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2005.