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H.B. No. 372

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the required use of towing safety chains on certain  
3 vehicles.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 545.410(a), Transportation Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) An operator of a passenger car or light truck may not  
8 draw a trailer, semitrailer, house trailer, or another motor  
9 vehicle unless safety chains of a type approved by the department  
10 are attached in a manner approved by the department from the  
11 trailer, semitrailer, house trailer, or drawn motor vehicle to the  
12 drawing vehicle. [~~This subsection does not apply to the drawing of  
13 a trailer or semitrailer used for agricultural purposes.~~]

14 SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies  
15 only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this  
16 Act. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed before  
17 the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurs  
18 before that date.

19 (b) An offense committed before the effective date of this  
20 Act is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed,  
21 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.