

1-1 By: Brimer S.B. No. 176
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 176 By: Brimer

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the required use of towing safety chains on certain
1-11 vehicles.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 545.410, Transportation
1-14 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-15 (a) An operator of a passenger car or light truck may not
1-16 draw a trailer, semitrailer, house trailer, or another motor
1-17 vehicle unless safety chains of a type approved by the department
1-18 are attached in a manner approved by the department from the
1-19 trailer, semitrailer, house trailer, or drawn motor vehicle to the
1-20 drawing vehicle. The department by rule shall exempt certain types
1-21 of trailers that exhibit adequate safety standards from the
1-22 requirements of this subsection [~~This subsection does not apply to~~
1-23 ~~the drawing of a trailer or semitrailer used for agricultural~~
1-24 ~~purposes~~].

1-25 SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies
1-26 only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this
1-27 Act. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed before
1-28 the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurs
1-29 before that date.

1-30 (b) An offense committed before the effective date of this
1-31 Act is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed,
1-32 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-33 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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