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S.B. No. 327

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to cargo transported by vehicle; providing a criminal penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Section 547.004(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person commits an offense that is a misdemeanor if the person operates or moves or, as an owner, knowingly permits another to operate or move, a vehicle that:

(1) is unsafe so as to endanger a person;

(2) is not equipped in a manner that complies with the vehicle equipment standards and requirements established by this chapter; ~~or~~

(3) is equipped in a manner prohibited by this chapter; or

(4) transports cargo that is not adequately secured to prevent the cargo from falling from the vehicle.

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

(b) An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed,

1 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.