

1-1 By: Carona S.B. No. 327
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1-6 printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to cargo transported by vehicle; providing a criminal
1-10 penalty.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 547.004, Transportation
1-13 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-14 (a) A person commits an offense that is a misdemeanor if the
1-15 person operates or moves or, as an owner, knowingly permits another
1-16 to operate or move, a vehicle that:

1-17 (1) is unsafe so as to endanger a person;

1-18 (2) is not equipped in a manner that complies with the
1-19 vehicle equipment standards and requirements established by this
1-20 chapter; ~~or~~

1-21 (3) is equipped in a manner prohibited by this
1-22 chapter; or

1-23 (4) transports cargo that is not adequately secured to
1-24 prevent the cargo from falling from the vehicle.

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 the purposes of this section, an offense is committed
1-28 before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense
1-29 occurs 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, 2007.

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