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H.B. No. 1372

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the definition of victim in relation to certain crime
3 victims' rights.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article 56.01(3), Code of Criminal Procedure, as
6 amended by Chapters 66 (H.B. 1489) and 268 (S.B. 6), Acts of the
7 79th Legislature, Regular Session, 2005, is reenacted and amended
8 to read as follows:

9 (3) "Victim" means a person who is the victim of the
10 offense of sexual assault, kidnapping, aggravated robbery,
11 trafficking of persons, or injury to a child, elderly individual,
12 or disabled individual or who has suffered personal injury or death
13 as a result of the criminal conduct of another.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.