

1-1 By: Shelton, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Van de Putte) H.B. No. 1372
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 23, 2009;
1-3 May 1, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
1-4 Justice; May 22, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 22, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the definition of victim in relation to certain crime
1-9 victims' rights.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Article 56.01(3), Code of Criminal Procedure, as
1-12 amended by Chapters 66 (H.B. 1489) and 268 (S.B. 6), Acts of the
1-13 79th Legislature, Regular Session, 2005, is reenacted and amended
1-14 to read as follows:

1-15 (3) "Victim" means a person who is the victim of the
1-16 offense of sexual assault, kidnapping, aggravated robbery,
1-17 trafficking of persons, or injury to a child, elderly individual,
1-18 or disabled individual or who has suffered personal injury or death
1-19 as a result of the criminal conduct of another.

1-20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-24 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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