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H.B. No. 1225

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requirements for private passenger vehicle rental companies regarding child safety seats; providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Section 91.001, Business & Commerce Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (1-a) to read as follows:

(1-a) "Child passenger safety seat system" means an infant or child passenger restraint system that meets the federal standards for crash-tested restraint systems as set by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

SECTION 2. Chapter 91, Business & Commerce Code, is amended by adding Subchapter B-1 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER B-1. CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY SEAT SYSTEMS

Sec. 91.071. POSTED NOTICE REQUIRED. A rental company shall post in a conspicuous location at each place of business of the company a notice not smaller than 15 by 20 inches that states the following:

NOTICE: IT IS A VIOLATION OF STATE LAW (SECTION 545.412, TRANSPORTATION CODE) TO OPERATE A PASSENGER VEHICLE AND TRANSPORT A CHILD WHO IS YOUNGER THAN 8 YEARS OF AGE WITHOUT SECURING THE CHILD IN A CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY SEAT SYSTEM UNLESS THE CHILD IS TALLER THAN 4 FEET, 9 INCHES. THIS

1 COMPANY IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE CHILD
2 PASSENGER SAFETY SEAT SYSTEMS FOR RENTAL.

3 Sec. 91.072. RENTAL OF CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY SEAT SYSTEMS.

4 (a) A rental company shall have available for and, on request,
5 provide for rental to renters traveling with children younger than
6 eight years of age child passenger safety seat systems appropriate
7 for children who are four feet, nine inches, or shorter.

8 (b) A child passenger safety seat system offered for rent by
9 a rental company must:

10 (1) be in good and safe condition;

11 (2) not have missing original parts; and

12 (3) be not more than five years old.

13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.