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H.B. No. 1199

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the inclusion of certain information regarding trailers in vehicle accident reports.

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

SECTION 1. Section 201.806(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The department shall:

(1) tabulate and analyze the vehicle accident reports it receives; and

(2) annually or more frequently publish on the department's Internet website statistical information derived from the accident reports as to the number, cause, and location of highway accidents, including information regarding the number of:

(A) accidents involving injury to, death of, or property damage to a bicyclist or pedestrian; ~~and~~

(B) fatalities caused by a bridge collapse, as defined by Section 550.081; and

(C) accidents involving a trailer, including the number of fatalities in those accidents.

SECTION 2. Section 550.064(b), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) An accident report form prepared by the department must:

(1) require sufficiently detailed information to disclose the cause and conditions of and the persons and vehicles

1 involved in an accident if the form is for the report to be made by a
2 person investigating the accident;

3 (2) include a way to designate and identify a peace
4 officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services employee who is
5 involved in an accident while driving a law enforcement vehicle,
6 fire department vehicle, or emergency medical services vehicle
7 while performing the person's duties;

8 (3) require a statement by a person described by
9 Subdivision (2) as to the nature of the accident; ~~and~~

10 (4) include a way to designate whether an individual
11 involved in an accident wants to be contacted by a person seeking to
12 obtain employment as a professional described by Section 38.01(12),
13 Penal Code; and

14 (5) include a way to indicate whether a trailer was
15 involved in the accident and, if so, whether the accident resulted
16 in any fatalities.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.