

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law requires a car or light truck towing a trailer, semitrailer, or house trailer to use safety chains attached to the towing vehicle as a secondary safety device in case the primary bar were to disconnect; however, there is no such requirement for a car or light truck towing another motor vehicle. H.B. 932 would prohibit a car or light truck from drawing another motor vehicle without using towing safety chains.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 932 prohibits a car or light truck from drawing another motor vehicle without using towing safety chains.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 545.410(a), (b), and (d), Transportation Code, as follows:

- (a) Prohibits an operator of a passenger car or light truck from drawing a trailer, semitrailer, house trailer, or another motor vehicle unless safety chains of a type approved by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are attached in a manner approved by TxDOT from the trailer, semitrailer, house trailer, or drawn motor vehicle to the drawing vehicle. Makes conforming and nonsubstantive changes.
- (b) Requires TxDOT to adopt rules prescribing the type of safety chains required to be used according to the weight of the motor vehicle being drawn. Makes conforming and nonsubstantive changes.
- (d) Makes a conforming and nonsubstantive change.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.