

1-1 By: Romero, Jr., et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hancock) H.B. No. 4797
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 24, 2023;
 1-3 May 1, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Transportation; May 11, 2023, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 11, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to training on the treatment of toll project roadways
 1-20 during inclement weather.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 372, Transportation Code,
 1-23 is amended by adding Section 372.059 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 372.059. TREATMENT OF TOLL ROADWAY DURING INCLEMENT
 1-25 WEATHER. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (e), a toll project
 1-26 entity that treats a roadway maintained by the entity during icy or
 1-27 snowy weather shall require each employee or contractor who
 1-28 develops and supervises a plan for roadway treatment to complete a
 1-29 training course on treating roadways during icy or snowy weather in
 1-30 the same manner as a department employee who treats roadways during
 1-31 icy or snowy weather.

1-32 (b) The department, in coordination with public toll
 1-33 project entities:

1-34 (1) shall make training courses that the department
 1-35 provides to department employees who develop and supervise plans
 1-36 for roadway treatment available to a person required to receive
 1-37 training under Subsection (a); and

1-38 (2) may adopt rules as necessary to implement this
 1-39 section.

1-40 (c) The department, in coordination with toll project
 1-41 entities, shall identify the types of employees and contractors who
 1-42 are subject to the training requirements under Subsection (a).

1-43 (d) A training course described by Subsection (b) must
 1-44 include instruction regarding:

1-45 (1) prioritizing treatment of elevated structures and
 1-46 other roadway elements that pose the highest risk to public health
 1-47 and safety during icy or snowy weather;

1-48 (2) timing of treatment of roadways during icy or
 1-49 snowy weather; and

1-50 (3) treatment of general purpose lanes adjacent to a
 1-51 toll project.

1-52 (e) The department may authorize a toll project entity to
 1-53 require that an employee or contractor required to receive training
 1-54 under Subsection (a) complete a training course provided by another
 1-55 entity that includes substantially the same information as a course
 1-56 provided by the department.

1-57 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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