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H.B. No. 1297

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the transportation of unsecured objects by a vehicle;
creating an offense.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 725, Transportation Code,
is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 725. TRANSPORTATION OF LOOSE MATERIALS OR UNSECURED
OBJECTS

SECTION 2. Section 725.003(a), Transportation Code, is
amended to read as follows:

(a) A person or the person's agent or employee may not
transport loose material or unsecured objects in violation of this
chapter.

SECTION 3. The heading to Subchapter B, Chapter 725,
Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER B. [~~REQUIREMENTS FOR~~] TRANSPORTING LOOSE MATERIALS OR
UNSECURED OBJECTS

SECTION 4. The heading to Section 725.021, Transportation
Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 725.021. CONTAINING LOOSE MATERIALS OR UNSECURED
OBJECTS.

SECTION 5. Section 725.021, Transportation Code, is amended
by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (f) to read as
follows:

1 (a) A vehicle subject to this chapter shall be equipped and
2 maintained as required by this section to prevent loose material or
3 unsecured objects from escaping by movement, blowing, or spilling.

4 (f) An object, including a ladder, mattress, cooler, or box,
5 that can, if unsecured, be blown or fall from a vehicle because of
6 movement or exposure to air, wind currents, or other weather must be
7 firmly tied down or otherwise secured to prevent the object from
8 blowing or falling from the vehicle.

9 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.