

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the definition of victim in relation to certain crime
3 victims' rights.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article 56.01(3), Code of Criminal Procedure, as
6 amended by Chapters 66 (H.B. 1489) and 268 (S.B. 6), Acts of the
7 79th Legislature, Regular Session, 2005, is reenacted and amended
8 to read as follows:

9 (3) "Victim" means a person who is the victim of the
10 offense of sexual assault, kidnapping, aggravated robbery,
11 trafficking of persons, or injury to a child, elderly individual,
12 or disabled individual or who has suffered personal injury or death
13 as a result of the criminal conduct of another.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Jon Strom

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1372 was passed by the House on April 22, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 149, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Robert Honey
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1372 was passed by the Senate on May 27, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 19 JUN '09

Date

RICK PERRY

Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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