

House Bill 123

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions relative to equipment and inspection of motor vehicles, so as
3 to provide for the use of a safety chain or cable when operating a motor vehicle drawing a
4 trailer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 general provisions relative to equipment and inspection of motor vehicles, is amended by
9 adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "40-8-11.

11 In addition to the requirements of Code Section 40-8-50, every motor vehicle drawing a
12 trailer shall be coupled by means of a safety chain, cable, or equivalent device in addition
13 to the regular trailer hitch or coupling. The safety chain, cable, or equivalent device shall
14 be securely connected with the chassis of the towing vehicle, the towed vehicle, and the
15 drawbar of the trailer. The safety chain, cable, or equivalent device shall be of sufficient
16 material and strength to prevent the motor vehicle and trailer from becoming separated and
17 shall have no more slack than is necessary for proper turning. The safety chain, cable, or
18 equivalent device shall be attached to the trailer drawbar so as to prevent it from dropping
19 to the ground and to assure the towed trailer follows in the course of the towing vehicle in
20 a case of separation. This Code section shall not apply to pole trailers."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.