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H.B. No. 3377

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the filing of a notice of seizure and intended forfeiture in an asset forfeiture case.

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

SECTION 1. Article 59.05, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) If property is seized at a federal checkpoint, the notice of seizure and intended forfeiture may be filed in and the proceeding may be held in:

(1) the county in which the seizure occurred; or

(2) with the consent of the owner, operator, or agent in charge of the property, a county that is adjacent to the county in which the seizure occurred, if both counties are in the same judicial district.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.