

1-1 By: Rangel, Canales, Garza (Senate Sponsor-Lucio) H.B. No. 3377
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2003;
1-3 May 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
1-4 Justice; May 13, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 13, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the filing of a notice of seizure and intended
1-9 forfeiture in an asset forfeiture case.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Article 59.05, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
1-12 amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

1-13 (g) If property is seized at a federal checkpoint, the
1-14 notice of seizure and intended forfeiture may be filed in and the
1-15 proceeding may be held in:

1-16 (1) the county in which the seizure occurred; or

1-17 (2) with the consent of the owner, operator, or agent
1-18 in charge of the property, a county that is adjacent to the county
1-19 in which the seizure occurred, if both counties are in the same
1-20 judicial district.

1-21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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