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H.B. No. 3372

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to certain inmates entering certain pleas by closed
3 circuit video teleconferencing.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 27, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
6 amended by adding Article 27.19 to read as follows:

7 Art. 27.19. PLEA BY CERTAIN INMATES. Notwithstanding any
8 other provision of this code, a court shall accept a plea of guilty
9 or nolo contendere with respect to a Class A or B misdemeanor under
10 the procedure established by Article 27.18 from an inmate who is
11 incarcerated in a facility operated by or under contract with the
12 Texas Department of Criminal Justice following a felony conviction
13 who is charged with also having committed the misdemeanor.

14 SECTION 2. Article 27.19, Code of Criminal Procedure, as
15 added by this Act, applies to a plea of guilty or nolo contendere
16 entered on or after the effective date of this Act, regardless of
17 whether the offense with reference to which the plea is entered is
18 committed before, on, or after that date.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.