

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Current law grants a U.S. Customs Service inspector or a border patrolman or immigration officer of the U.S. Department of Justice (border patrol officers) the authority to detain an individual crossing the Texas/Mexico border through a designated port of entry who is suspected of committing certain intoxication offenses. However, these same officers do not have this authority at an established border patrol check point. H.B.1907 would provide that a border patrol officer has the authority to detain an individual at an established border patrol check point who is suspected of committing certain intoxication offenses.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1907 establishes conditions regarding the limited law enforcement authority of certain agents or officers of the government of the United States.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Article 2.122(c), Code of Criminal Procedure, to authorize a customs inspector of the United States Customs Service or a border patrolman or immigration officer of the United States Department of Justice to detain a person engaged in conduct that is in violation of certain offenses at a permanent established border patrol traffic check point.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.