

112TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3033

To amend the Anti-Smuggling Act to subject vehicles, other conveyances, and instruments of international traffic to seizure and forfeiture for smuggling, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

Mr. REYES (for himself and Mr. McCAUL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. VEHICLES, OTHER CONVEYANCES, AND IN-**
4 **STRUMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC**
5 **SUBJECT TO SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE FOR**
6 **SMUGGLING.**

7 Section 3 of the Anti-Smuggling Act (19 U.S.C.
8 1703; Public Law 74–238) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “, vehicle,
2 other conveyance, or instrument of international
3 traffic” after “vessel” each place it appears;

4 (2) in subsection (b), by inserting “, vehicle,
5 other conveyance, or instrument of international
6 traffic” after “vessel” each place it appears; and

7 (3) by amending subsection (c) to read as fol-
8 lows:

9 “(c) For the purposes of this section, prima facie evi-
10 dence that a vessel, vehicle, other conveyance, or instru-
11 ment of international traffic is being, or has been, or is
12 attempted to be employed in smuggling or to defraud the
13 revenue of the United States shall be—

14 “(1) in the case of a vessel, the fact that such
15 vessel has become subject to pursuit as provided in
16 section 581 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C.
17 1581), or is a hovering vessel, or that such vessel
18 fails, at any place within the customs waters of the
19 United States or within a customs-enforcement area,
20 to display light as required by law; and

21 “(2) in the case of a vehicle, other conveyance,
22 or instrument of international traffic, the fact that
23 such vehicle, other conveyance, or instrument of

- 1 international traffic has any compartment or equip-
- 2 ment that is built or fitted out for smuggling.”.

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