

**CHAPTER 547**

**H.B. No. 1747**

**An Act relating to the deposit in interest-bearing accounts of money seized in connection with certain controlled substances violations and gambling violations.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

**SECTION 1.** (a) Whenever money is seized by a law enforcement agency in connection with a violation of the Texas Controlled Substances Act (Article 4476-15, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) or of Chapter 47 of the Penal Code, the state or the political subdivision of the state that employs the law enforcement agency may deposit the money in an interest-bearing bank account in the jurisdiction of the agency that made seizure or in the county in which the money was seized until a final judgment is rendered concerning the violation.

(b) When a final judgment is rendered concerning a violation of the Texas Controlled Substances Act or of Chapter 47 of the Penal Code, the money seized in connection with the violation and placed in an interest-bearing bank account shall be distributed according to applicable law, with any interest being distributed in the same manner and used for the same purpose as the principal.

**SECTION 2.** The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 9, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 24, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Approved: June 12, 1985

Effective: August 26, 1985