

1 State of Arkansas  
2 95th General Assembly  
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4

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1358

5 By: Representatives Gazaway, M. Shepherd  
6 By: Senators C. Tucker, J. Bryant  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TITLE 18 OF  
10 THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TITLE  
16 18 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING  
17 PROPERTY.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 18-11-110(d), concerning the prohibition on  
22 land ownership by a prohibited foreign-party-controlled business, is amended  
23 to read as follows to clarify a criminal offense:

24 (d) A prohibited foreign-party-controlled business entity ~~shall that~~  
25 violates this section upon conviction ~~be~~ is guilty of a an unclassified  
26 felony punishable by not more than two (2) years' imprisonment in the custody  
27 of the Division of Correction or a fine of fifteen thousand dollars  
28 (\$15,000), or both.  
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30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 18-11-802(8)(B) and (C), concerning the  
31 definition of "significant interest" and "substantial control" as used with  
32 respect to the foreign ownership of agricultural land, are reenacted to  
33 ratify the decision by the Arkansas Code Revision Commission to change  
34 references to "subdivision (5)(A)" to "subdivision (5)" in order to correct  
35 reference errors.

36 (B) An interest of thirty-three percent (33%) or more held



1 whenever the parties, individuals, or governments referred to in subdivision  
 2 (5) of this section are acting in concert with respect to the interest even  
 3 though no single individual, party, or government holds an interest of  
 4 thirty-three percent (33%) or more; or

5 (C) An interest of fifty percent (50%) or more, in the  
 6 aggregate, held by parties, individuals, or governments referred to in  
 7 subdivision (5) of this section even though the individuals, parties, or  
 8 foreign governments may not be acting in concert.

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 10 SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. CONSTRUCTION AND LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

11 It is the intent of the General Assembly that:

12 (1) The enactment and adoption of this act shall not expressly  
 13 or impliedly repeal an act passed during the regular session of the Ninety-  
 14 Fifth General Assembly;

15 (2) To the extent that a conflict exists between an act of the  
 16 regular session of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly and this act:

17 (A) The act of the regular session of the Ninety-Fifth  
 18 General Assembly shall be treated as a subsequent act passed by the General  
 19 Assembly for the purposes of:

20 (i) Giving the act of the regular session of the  
 21 Ninety-Fifth General Assembly its full force and effect; and

22 (ii) Amending or repealing the appropriate parts of  
 23 the Arkansas Code of 1987; and

24 (B) Section 1-2-107 shall not apply; and

25 (3) This act shall make only technical, not substantive, changes  
 26 to the Arkansas Code of 1987.

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 29 **APPROVED: 2/25/25**