

ARKANSAS SENATE
95th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2025
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill 60

TO PROHIBIT A DIGITAL ASSET MINING BUSINESS FROM BEING LOCATED WITHIN A
THIRTY-MILE RADIUS OF A MILITARY FACILITY; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 60

Amend Senate Bill 60 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 29 through 36, and substitute the following:

- "(1) "Military facility" means the:
- (A) Little Rock Air Force Base;
 - (B) Camp Joseph T. Robinson Maneuver Training Center;
 - (C) Ebbing Air National Guard Base;
 - (D) Fort Chaffee Joint Maneuver Training Center; and
 - (E) Pine Bluff Arsenal; and"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 7 through 20, and substitute the following:

"(b) Unless the digital asset mining business was issued a permit by the Oil and Gas Commission on or before December 31, 2024, a digital asset mining business shall:

- (1) Not operate within a thirty-mile radius of a military facility; and
- (2) Cease construction of a location that is within a thirty-mile radius of a military facility."

AND

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 12, and substitute the following:



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"SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Applicability.

(a) The Oil and Gas Commission shall not issue a permit to a digital asset mining business that plans to operate at a location within a thirty-mile radius of a military facility on or after the effective date of this act.

(b) If the commission has already issued a permit to a digital asset mining business that has a location that is within a thirty-mile radius of a military facility before the effective date of this act, the commission shall revoke the permit unless the digital asset mining facility shuts down operations or construction at the location that is within a thirty-mile radius of a military facility.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that digital asset mining, also known as "cryptomining", is a rising industry in the state that poses unique opportunities as well as risks; that risks posed by digital asset mining include without limitation threats to national security and the security of the State of Arkansas; that threats to national security and the security of the State of Arkansas are amplified by a digital asset mining facility's being located within a thirty-mile radius of a military facility; that there are military facilities located in many different areas of the State of Arkansas; and that this act is immediately necessary in order to ensure the health and safety of the State of Arkansas and its citizens. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:"

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____
By: Senator Hill
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