

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1662

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11 Wing, Wooten  
12 By: Senator B. Johnson  
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### For An Act To Be Entitled

14 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT LOBBYING FOR A COVERED FOREIGN  
15 ENTITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

17 TO PROHIBIT LOBBYING FOR A COVERED  
18 FOREIGN ENTITY.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 21, Chapter 8, Subchapter 6, is amended  
23 to add an additional section to read as follows:  
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25 21-8-608. Lobbying for covered foreign entity prohibited — Definition  
26 — Penalties.  
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28 (a) As used in this section:

29 (1) "Covered foreign entity" means an individual, foreign  
30 government, or a party other than an individual or foreign government:

31 (A) On the Consolidated Screening List or Entity List as  
32 designated by the United States Secretary of Commerce;

33 (B) Domiciled in the People's Republic of China or the  
34 Russian Federation;

35 (C) Under the influence or control by the government of  
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1 the People's Republic of China or the Russian Federation; or

2 (D) That is a subsidiary of an individual, government, or  
3 party referred to in subdivisions (a)(1)(A)-(C) of this section; and

4 (2) "Under the influence or control" means the People's Republic  
5 of China, the Russian Federation, or an agent of the People's Republic of  
6 China or the Russian Federation is:

7 (A) Exercising power or authority to regulate decisions  
8 over the covered foreign entity; or

9 (B) Governing, managing, directing, or otherwise  
10 overseeing decision making for the covered foreign entity.

11 (b) A person who receives a monetary benefit for lobbying shall not  
12 lobby on behalf of a covered foreign entity.

13 (c) A person convicted of violating subsection (b) of this section  
14 shall be guilty of:

15 (1) For the first offense, a violation with a fine of not less  
16 than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and not more than three thousand five hundred  
17 dollars (\$3,500);

18 (2) For the second offense, an unclassified misdemeanor with:

19 (A) A term of imprisonment not to exceed fix (6) months;

20 (B) A fine of five thousand dollars (\$5,000); or

21 (C) Both the term of imprisonment and fine under  
22 subdivisions (c)(2)(A) and (B) of this section; and

23 (3) For the third or subsequent offense, an unclassified felony  
24 with:

25 (A) A term of imprisonment not to exceed one (1) year;

26 (B) A fine of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); or

27 (C) Both the term of imprisonment and fine under  
28 subdivisions (c)(3)(A) and (B) of this section.

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30 */s/B. McKenzie*

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