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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

19 TO PROHIBIT LOBBYING FOR A COVERED
20 FOREIGN ENTITY.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 21, Chapter 8, Subchapter 6, is amended
26 to add an additional section to read as follows:

27 21-8-608. Lobbying for covered foreign entity prohibited — Definition
28 — Penalties.

29 (a) As used in this section:

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

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

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

36 (C) Under the influence or control by the government of



1 the People's Republic of China or the Russian Federation; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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