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A Bill

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6 By: Senator B. Johnson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8
9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY FOR
10 SUSTAINABLE LOGISTICS ACT (TESLA); TO ADD ELECTRIC
11 VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS TO THE DEFINITION OF
12 "CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE" WITH RESPECT TO CRIMINAL
13 OFFENSES RELATED TO DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION OF
14 PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 TO CREATE THE TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY FOR
19 SUSTAINABLE LOGISTICS ACT (TESLA); AND
20 TO ADD ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING
21 STATIONS TO THE DEFINITION OF "CRITICAL
22 INFRASTRUCTURE".
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. This act shall be known and may be cited as
27 the "Technology and Energy for Sustainable Logistics Act (TESLA)".
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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-38-101(2), concerning the definition of
30 critical infrastructure with respect to damage or destruction of property, is
31 amended to read as follows:

32 (2) "Critical infrastructure" means any of the following
33 facilities that are either completely enclosed by a fence or other physical
34 barrier that is designed to exclude persons without permission to be in the
35 facility or otherwise is clearly marked with signs that are reasonably likely
36 to be seen by another person that indicate entry or unauthorized access is



1 forbidden without facility authorization:

2 (A) A chemical or rubber manufacturing facility;

3 (B) A water intake structure, water treatment facility,
 4 wastewater facility, drainage facility, water management facility, or any
 5 similar water or sewage treatment system and the water or sewage treatment
 6 system's piping;

7 (C) A food processing or manufacturing facility;

8 (D) A natural gas company facility, an underground gas
 9 storage facility, or interstate natural gas pipeline, including without
 10 limitation:

11 (i) A pipeline interconnection;

12 (ii) A natural gas compressor station and associated
 13 facility;

14 (iii) A city gate or town border station;

15 (iv) A metering station;

16 (v) Aboveground piping;

17 (vi) A regulator station;

18 (vii) A valve site;

19 (viii) A delivery station; and

20 (ix) Fabricated assembly and any part of a natural
 21 gas storage facility involved in the gathering, storage, transmission, or
 22 distribution of gas;

23 (E) Wireline or wireless telecommunications
 24 infrastructure, including telecommunications towers, telephone poles,
 25 telephone lines, and fiber optic lines;

26 (F) A port, trucking terminal, or other freight
 27 transportation facility;

28 (G) A gas processing plant, including a gas processing
 29 plant used in the processing, treatment, or fractionation of natural gas or
 30 natural gas liquids;

31 (H) A crude oil or refined products storage and
 32 distribution facility, including without limitation:

33 (i) A valve site;

34 (ii) A pipeline interconnection;

35 (iii) A pump station;

36 (iv) A metering station;

1 (v) A belowground or aboveground pipeline or piping;
 2 (vi) A truck loading or off-loading facility; and
 3 (vii) An aboveground portion of a well, well pad, or
 4 production operation;

5 (I) A laydown area or construction site for pipe and other
 6 equipment intended for use on an interstate or intrastate natural gas or
 7 crude oil pipeline;

8 (J) A portion of an oil, gas, hazardous liquid, or
 9 chemical pipeline, tank, or other storage facility that is aboveground;

10 (K) A video service network and broadband infrastructure,
 11 including without limitation:

12 (i) Associated buildings and facilities;

13 (ii) Video service headends, towers, utility poles,
 14 and utility lines; and

15 (iii) Fiber optic lines;

16 (L) A mining operation, including any processing
 17 equipment, batching operation, or support facility for that mining operation;

18 (M) A facility installed in a public right-of-way on a
 19 utility pole or in a conduit that is aboveground and concerns a video service
 20 network or broadband or wireless telecommunications infrastructure;

21 (N) Railroad property; ~~and~~

22 (O) Property owned by and considered an electronic asset
 23 of any of the following:

24 (i) An electric utility;

25 (ii) An electric cooperative;

26 (iii) A municipal electric utility;

27 (iv) A natural gas company that is a public utility;

28 (v) A telephone company that is a public utility; or

29 (vi) A video service provider, including a cable
 30 operator; and

31 (P) An electric vehicle charging station;

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