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A Bill

SENATE BILL 60

5 By: Senator Hill
6 By: Representative Evans
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS DATA CENTERS ACT OF
10 2023; TO PROHIBIT A DIGITAL ASSET MINING BUSINESS
11 FROM BEING LOCATED WITHIN A THIRTY-MILE RADIUS OF A
12 MILITARY FACILITY; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 BUSINESS FROM BEING LOCATED WITHIN A
18 THIRTY-MILE RADIUS OF A MILITARY
19 FACILITY; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 1, Subchapter 6, is amended
25 to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 14-1-607. Operation of digital asset mining business within thirty-
27 mile radius of military facility prohibited – Definition.

28 (a) As used in this section:

29 (1) "Military facility" means the:

30 (A) Little Rock Air Force Base;

31 (B) Camp Joseph T. Robinson Maneuver Training Center;

32 (C) Ebbing Air National Guard Base;

33 (D) Fort Chaffee Joint Maneuver Training Center; and

34 (E) Pine Bluff Arsenal; and

35 (B) Includes without limitation a military:

36 (i) Base or camp;



1 (ii) Hospital or clinic; and

2 (iii) Arsenal; and

3 (2) "Operation" means generating income as a result of
4 generating digital assets by securing a blockchain network.

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

8 (1) Not operate within a thirty-mile radius of a military
9 facility; and

10 (2) Cease construction of a location that is within a thirty-
11 mile radius of a military facility.

12 (c) Upon request of a person or upon receipt of information that leads
13 the Attorney General to believe that a violation of this section may exist,
14 the Attorney General may conduct an investigation that includes without
15 limitation:

16 (1) Receiving sworn statements; and

17 (2) Issuing subpoenas to compel the:

18 (A) Testimony of witnesses subpoenaed before him or her;
19 and

20 (B) Production of records and other documents under § 25-
21 16-705.

22 (d) If as a result of an investigation under subsection (c) of this
23 section the Attorney General concludes that a violation of this section has
24 occurred, the Attorney General shall order the digital asset mining business
25 to shut down operations at each location that is within a thirty-mile radius
26 of a military facility.

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28 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Applicability.

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

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

1 operations or construction at the location that is within a thirty-mile
2 radius of a military facility.

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

18 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

19 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
20 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
21 bill; or

22 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
23 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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