

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1604

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By: Senator B. Johnson

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PROHIBITED CONTRACTS BY STATE AGENCIES; TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS BY STATE AGENCIES TO PURCHASE PROMOTIONAL ITEMS MADE IN CHINA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PROHIBITED CONTRACTS BY STATE AGENCIES; AND TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS BY STATE AGENCIES TO PURCHASE PROMOTIONAL ITEMS MADE IN CHINA.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-1-1202, concerning the definitions for *the laws on prohibited contracts by state agencies*, is amended to add *additional subdivisions to read as follows:*

(5) "Promotional items" means one (1) or more items purchased by a state agency with public funds to promote or advertise the agency, including without limitation a:



(A) Bumper sticker;

(B) Clothing item;

(C) Key chain;

(D) Mug;

(E) Pen; or

(F) Pin;

(6) "Public funds" means the same as defined in § 19-11-203;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 1, Subchapter 12, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

25-1-1204. Promotional items made in China prohibited.

A state agency shall not spend public funds to purchase promotional items made in the People's Republic of China.

SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. The name of Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 1, Subchapter 12 is changed from "Prohibited Contracts by State Agencies" to "Prohibited Actions by State Agencies." The Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall make all changes in the Arkansas Code necessary to implement this section.

SECTION 4. DO NOT CODIFY. Applicability.

Sections 1 and 2 of this act apply only to contracts executed on or after the effective date of this act.

/s/McAlindon