

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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By: Senator B. Johnson

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT LOBBYING FOR A COVERED FOREIGN ENTITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO PROHIBIT LOBBYING FOR A COVERED FOREIGN ENTITY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 21, Chapter 8, Subchapter 6, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

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

(a) As used in this section:

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*/s/B. McKenzie*