

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 60

By: Senator Hill
By: Representative Evans

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

TO PROHIBIT A DIGITAL ASSET MINING BUSINESS FROM BEING LOCATED WITHIN A THIRTY-MILE RADIUS OF A MILITARY FACILITY; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 1, Subchapter 6, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

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

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Military facility" means the:

(A) Little Rock Air Force Base;

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

(C) Ebbing Air National Guard Base;

(D) Fort Chaffee Joint Maneuver Training Center; and

(E) Pine Bluff Arsenal; and

(B) Includes without limitation a military:

(i) Base or camp;



(ii) Hospital or clinic; and

(iii) Arsenal; and

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Receiving sworn statements; and

(2) Issuing subpoenas to compel the:

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

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

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

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Applicability.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

/s/Hill