

By: Representative McNair

HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO AUTHORIZE THE INTRODUCTION OF A NONAPPROPRIATION BILL TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF A COMPUTER MANUFACTURED OR ASSEMBLED BY A COVERED FOREIGN ENTITY IN DIGITAL ASSET MINING; AND TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF SOFTWARE DEVELOPED BY A COVERED FOREIGN ENTITY IN DIGITAL ASSET MINING.

Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE THE INTRODUCTION OF A NONAPPROPRIATION BILL TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF A COMPUTER MANUFACTURED BY A COVERED FOREIGN ENTITY IN DIGITAL ASSET MINING AND PROHIBIT THE USE OF CERTAIN SOFTWARE IN DIGITAL ASSET MINING.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT Senator King is authorized to introduce a bill which as introduced will read substantially as follows:

"Title

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF A COMPUTER MANUFACTURED OR ASSEMBLED BY A COVERED FOREIGN ENTITY IN DIGITAL ASSET MINING; TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF SOFTWARE DEVELOPED BY A COVERED FOREIGN ENTITY IN DIGITAL ASSET MINING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.



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TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF A COMPUTER MANUFACTURED OR ASSEMBLED BY A COVERED FOREIGN ENTITY IN DIGITAL ASSET MINING; AND TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF SOFTWARE DEVELOPED BY A COVERED FOREIGN ENTITY IN DIGITAL ASSET MINING.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-1-603, concerning definitions under the Arkansas Data Centers Act of 2023, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(13) "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 of or control by the government of the People's Republic of China or the Russian Federation; or

(D) That is a subsidiary or affiliate of an individual, government, or party referred to in subdivisions (13)(A)-(C) of this section.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 1, Subchapter 6, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

14-1-607. Use of computer manufactured by covered foreign entity or software developed by covered foreign entity prohibited – Penalty.

(a) A digital asset mining business or digital asset miner shall not use in the course of digital asset mining or home digital asset mining:

(1) A computer that is manufactured or assembled by a covered foreign entity; or

(2) Software that is developed by a covered foreign entity.

(b) A digital asset mining business or digital asset miner in violation of this section upon conviction is guilty of a:

(1) Class A misdemeanor for a first offense; and

(2) Class D felony for a second or subsequent offense."