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5 By: Senator B. King

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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO AUTHORIZE THE INTRODUCTION OF A NONAPPROPRIATION
9 BILL TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF A COMPUTER MANUFACTURED
10 OR ASSEMBLED BY A COVERED FOREIGN ENTITY IN DIGITAL
11 ASSET MINING AND TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF SOFTWARE
12 DEVELOPED BY A COVERED FOREIGN ENTITY IN DIGITAL
13 ASSET MINING.

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16 **Subtitle**

17 TO AUTHORIZE THE INTRODUCTION OF A
18 NONAPPROPRIATION BILL TO PROHIBIT THE USE
19 OF A COMPUTER OR SOFTWARE MANUFACTURED,
20 ASSEMBLED, OR DEVELOPED BY A COVERED
21 FOREIGN ENTITY IN DIGITAL ASSET MINING.

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24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
25 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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

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30 "Title

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

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36 Subtitle



1 TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF A COMPUTER OR SOFTWARE MANUFACTURED OR ASSEMBLED BY A
2 COVERED FOREIGN ENTITY IN DIGITAL ASSET MINING; AND TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF
3 SOFTWARE DEVELOPED BY A COVERED FOREIGN ENTITY IN DIGITAL ASSET MINING.
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5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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7 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-1-603, concerning definitions under the
8 Arkansas Data Centers Act of 2023, is amended to add an additional
9 subdivision to read as follows:

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

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

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

16 (C) Under the influence of or control by the government of
17 the People's Republic of China or the Russian Federation; or

18 (D) That is a subsidiary or affiliate of an individual,
19 government, or party referred to in subdivisions (13)(A)-(C) of this section.
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21 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 1, Subchapter 6, is amended
22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 14-1-606. Use of computer manufactured or software developed by
24 covered foreign entity.

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

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

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

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

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

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