

House Bill 246

By: Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Parsons of the 44th, Dickey of the 145th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Pirkle of the 169th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to conveyances, so as to prohibit China, Iran, North Korea, and Russia, their citizens,
3 and companies owned or operated by them to acquire title to property in this state; to provide
4 for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 conveyances, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "44-5-49.

11 (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the following may not purchase or otherwise acquire
12 title to real property in this state when such property is of a type described in subsection

13 (b) of this Code section:

14 (1) A governmental entity of China, Iran, North Korea, or Russia;

15 (2) A company or entity that is:

16 (A) Headquartered in China, Iran, North Korea, or Russia;

- 17 (B) Directly or indirectly held or controlled by the government of China, Iran, North
18 Korea, or Russia; or
- 19 (C) Owned by or the majority stock or other ownership interest of which is held or
20 controlled by individuals who are citizens of China, Iran, North Korea, or Russia;
- 21 (3) A company or other entity that is owned by or the majority stock or other ownership
22 interest of which is held or controlled by a company or entity described in paragraph (2)
23 of this subsection; or
- 24 (4) An individual who is a citizen of China, Iran, North Korea, or Russia.
- 25 (b) The purchase or acquisition of the following types of property is prohibited by
26 subsection (a) of this Code section:
- 27 (1) Farms;
- 28 (2) Property on which food is produced;
- 29 (3) Property on which energy is produced;
- 30 (4) Roads and highways;
- 31 (5) Properties on which telecommunications facilities are located;
- 32 (6) Properties on which pharmaceuticals are produced;
- 33 (7) Properties on which personal protective equipment is produced;
- 34 (8) Multiple tenant properties and developments;
- 35 (9) Properties on which more than one single-family home is located;
- 36 (10) Property on which water delivery facilities are located;
- 37 (11) Property on which fuel delivery or production facilities are located; or
- 38 (12) Any property located within 50 miles of any facility or installation of the United
39 States military.
- 40 (c) This Code section shall apply to purchases or other acquisitions of title to real property
41 made on or after September 1, 2023."

42 **SECTION 2.**

43 This Act shall become effective on September 1, 2023.

44 **SECTION 3.**

45 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.