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A Bill

SENATE BILL 252

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6 By: Senator T. Garner

7 Filed with: Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

9 For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO REGULATE THE LOCATION OF OFFICES
11 ESTABLISHED OR MAINTAINED BY THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC
12 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION; TO PROHIBIT THE ARKANSAS
13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FROM ESTABLISHING OR
14 MAINTAINING AN OFFICE IN CHINA; AND FOR OTHER
15 PURPOSES.

16 17 18 Subtitle

19 TO PROHIBIT THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC
20 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FROM ESTABLISHING
21 OR MAINTAINING AN OFFICE IN CHINA.

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

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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-4-209(b)(3), concerning the powers given
27 to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, is amended to read as
28 follows:

29 (3)(A) ~~Establish~~ Except as provided in subdivision (b)(3)(B) of
30 this section, establish and maintain international offices, as approved by
31 the Arkansas Economic Development Council, to assist with the export of
32 Arkansas-produced goods and services as well as foreign direct investment,
33 either through the use of contractual employees or by other means.

34 (B) The commission shall not establish or maintain an
35 office in China;
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1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 15-4-210(b), concerning the foreign
2 operations of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, is amended to
3 read as follows:

4 (b)(1) The Except as provided in subdivision (b)(2) of this section,
5 the commission may establish an Arkansas operation in any country approved by
6 the Governor and the Arkansas Economic Development Council.

7 (2) The commission shall not establish or maintain an office in
8 China.

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10 SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. Closure of existing offices.

11 If the Arkansas Economic Development Commission has already established
12 or maintains an office in China as of the effective date of this act, the
13 commission shall close and vacate the office immediately upon the effective
14 date of this act.

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17 Referred requested by the Arkansas Senate

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