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94th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2023
Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1479

TO PROHIBIT THE PURCHASE OF OR ACQUISITION OF TITLE TO AGRICULTURAL LAND BY A
GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA OR CERTAIN ENTITIES
CONNECTED WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1479

Amend House Bill No. 1479 as originally introduced:

Add Representatives Bentley, Breaux, M. Brown, John Carr, Joey Carr, C. Cooper, Evans, Haak, Hollowell, J. Mayberry, McAlindon, G. Hodges as cosponsors of the bill

AND

Page 2, delete line 11, and substitute the following:

"of title to agricultural land on or after the effective date of this act.

(c) A transfer of an interest in agricultural land in violation of this section is subject to divestiture as provided in this section.

(d) 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 issue subpoenas requiring the:

(1) Appearance of witnesses;

(2) Production of relevant records; and

(3) Giving of relevant testimony.

(e)(1) If as a result of the investigation under subsection (d) of this section the Attorney General concludes that a violation of this section has occurred, the Attorney General shall order the individual or entity described in subsection (a) of this section to divest itself of all interest in the agricultural land within ninety (90) days.

(2) If the individual or entity described in subsection (a) of this section fails to divest itself of all interests, or if an interest holder timely objects to the order of divestiture, the Attorney General shall commence an action in circuit court within the jurisdiction of the agricultural land.

(3)(A) Except in the case of dismissal, the circuit court shall order that the agricultural land to be sold through judicial foreclosure.



(B) Proceeds of the sale shall be disbursed to lien holders, in the order of priority, except for liens which under the terms of the sale are to remain on the agricultural land.

(f) Title to agricultural land is not invalid or subject to divestiture due to a violation of this section by:

(1) Any former owner; or

(2) Other person holding or owning a former interest in the agricultural land.

(g) A person not subject to this section is not required to determine or inquire into whether another person is or may be subject to this section.

(h) The Attorney General shall promptly record a copy of the following in the local land records:

(1) Upon commencement, notice of the pendency of an action brought under subdivision (e)(2); and

(2) The order for the sale of the agricultural land under subdivision (e)(3)(A) of this section.

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative Puryear
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