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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1255

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT REGARDING REAL PROPERTY; TO PROHIBIT THE  
PURCHASE OF OR ACQUISITION OF TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY  
BY CERTAIN ALIENS OR FOREIGN ENTITIES; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

REGARDING REAL PROPERTY; AND TO PROHIBIT  
THE PURCHASE OF OR ACQUISITION OF TITLE  
TO REAL PROPERTY BY CERTAIN ALIENS OR  
FOREIGN ENTITIES.

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

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SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 18-11-101(a), concerning the capacity of  
aliens to take and transfer lands, is amended to read as follows:

(a) ~~All~~ Except as provided in § 18-11-110, all aliens shall be capable  
of taking, by deed or will, lands and tenements in fee simple, or other less  
estate, and of holding, aliening, and devising them.

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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 18, Chapter 11, Subchapter 1, is  
amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

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18-11-110. Purchase of or acquisition of title to property by certain  
foreign individuals or entities prohibited.

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(a) Notwithstanding any other law, the following may not purchase or  
acquire title to real property in this state:



1           (1) A governmental entity of the People's Republic of China,  
2 Iran, North Korea, or Russia;

3           (2) A company or other entity:

4                 (A) That is headquartered in the People's Republic of  
5 China, Iran, North Korea, or Russia;

6                 (B) That is directly or indirectly held or controlled by  
7 the government of the People's Republic of China, Iran, North Korea, or  
8 Russia;

9                 (C) That is owned by individuals who are citizens of the  
10 People's Republic of China, Iran, North Korea, or Russia; or

11                (D) Controlled, through a majority of stock holding or  
12 other ownership interest, by individuals who are citizens of the People's  
13 Republic of China, Iran, North Korea, or Russia.

14                (3) A company or other entity that is owned by or the majority  
15 of stock or other ownership interest of which is held or controlled by a  
16 company or entity described under subdivision (a)(2) of this section; or

17                (4) An individual who is a citizen of the People's Republic of  
18 China, Iran, North Korea, or Russia.

19                (b) This section applies only to the purchase of or other acquisition  
20 of title to real property on or after the effective date of this act.

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