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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1479

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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18 TO PROHIBIT THE PURCHASE OF OR
19 ACQUISITION OF TITLE TO AGRICULTURAL LAND
20 BY A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY OF THE PEOPLE'S
21 REPUBLIC OF CHINA OR CERTAIN ENTITIES
22 CONNECTED WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
23 CHINA.
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 18-11-101(a), concerning the capacity of
29 aliens to take and transfer lands, is amended to read as follows:

30 (a) ~~All~~ Except as provided in § 18-11-110, all aliens shall be capable
31 of taking, by deed or will, lands and tenements in fee simple, or other less
32 estate, and of holding, aliening, and devising them.
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34 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 18, Chapter 11, Subchapter 1, is
35 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

36 18-11-110. Purchase of or acquisition of title to certain property by



1 certain foreign individuals or entities prohibited.

2 (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the following may not purchase or
3 acquire title to agricultural land in this state:

4 (1) A governmental entity of the People’s Republic of China; or

5 (2) A company or other entity:

6 (A) That is headquartered in the People’s Republic of
7 China; or

8 (B) That is directly or indirectly held or controlled by
9 the government of the People’s Republic of China.

10 (b) This section applies only to the purchase of or other acquisition
11 of title to agricultural land on or after the effective date of this act.

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