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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY FOR
SUSTAINABLE LOGISTICS ACT (TESLA); TO ADD ELECTRIC
VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS TO THE DEFINITION OF
"CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE" WITH RESPECT TO CRIMINAL
OFFENSES RELATED TO DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION OF
PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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SUSTAINABLE LOGISTICS ACT (TESLA); AND
TO ADD ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING
STATIONS TO THE DEFINITION OF "CRITICAL
INFRASTRUCTURE".

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. This act shall be known and may be cited as
the "Technology and Energy for Sustainable Logistics Act (TESLA)".

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-38-101(2), concerning the definition of
critical infrastructure with respect to damage or destruction of property, is
amended to read as follows:

(2) "Critical infrastructure" means any of the following
facilities that are either completely enclosed by a fence or other physical
barrier that is designed to exclude persons without permission to be in the
facility or otherwise is clearly marked with signs that are reasonably likely
to be seen by another person that indicate entry or *unauthorized access* or



1 use is limited or restricted or otherwise forbidden without facility
2 authorization:

3 (A) A chemical or rubber manufacturing facility;

4 (B) A water intake structure, water treatment facility,
5 wastewater facility, drainage facility, water management facility, or any
6 similar water or sewage treatment system and the water or sewage treatment
7 system's piping;

8 (C) A food processing or manufacturing facility;

9 (D) A natural gas company facility, an underground gas
10 storage facility, or interstate natural gas pipeline, including without
11 limitation:

12 (i) A pipeline interconnection;

13 (ii) A natural gas compressor station and associated
14 facility;

15 (iii) A city gate or town border station;

16 (iv) A metering station;

17 (v) Aboveground piping;

18 (vi) A regulator station;

19 (vii) A valve site;

20 (viii) A delivery station; and

21 (ix) Fabricated assembly and any part of a natural
22 gas storage facility involved in the gathering, storage, transmission, or
23 distribution of gas;

24 (E) Wireline or wireless telecommunications
25 infrastructure, including telecommunications towers, telephone poles,
26 telephone lines, and fiber optic lines;

27 (F) A port, trucking terminal, or other freight
28 transportation facility;

29 (G) A gas processing plant, including a gas processing
30 plant used in the processing, treatment, or fractionation of natural gas or
31 natural gas liquids;

32 (H) A crude oil or refined products storage and
33 distribution facility, including without limitation:

34 (i) A valve site;

35 (ii) A pipeline interconnection;

36 (iii) A pump station;

- 1 (iv) A metering station;
- 2 (v) A belowground or aboveground pipeline or piping;
- 3 (vi) A truck loading or off-loading facility; and
- 4 (vii) An aboveground portion of a well, well pad, or
- 5 production operation;
- 6 (I) A laydown area or construction site for pipe and other
- 7 equipment intended for use on an interstate or intrastate natural gas or
- 8 crude oil pipeline;
- 9 (J) A portion of an oil, gas, hazardous liquid, or
- 10 chemical pipeline, tank, or other storage facility that is aboveground;
- 11 (K) A video service network and broadband infrastructure,
- 12 including without limitation:
- 13 (i) Associated buildings and facilities;
- 14 (ii) Video service headends, towers, utility poles,
- 15 and utility lines; and
- 16 (iii) Fiber optic lines;
- 17 (L) A mining operation, including any processing
- 18 equipment, batching operation, or support facility for that mining operation;
- 19 (M) A facility installed in a public right-of-way on a
- 20 utility pole or in a conduit that is aboveground and concerns a video service
- 21 network or broadband or wireless telecommunications infrastructure;
- 22 (N) Railroad property; ~~and~~
- 23 (O) Property owned by and considered an electronic asset
- 24 of any of the following:
- 25 (i) An electric utility;
- 26 (ii) An electric cooperative;
- 27 (iii) A municipal electric utility;
- 28 (iv) A natural gas company that is a public utility;
- 29 (v) A telephone company that is a public utility; or
- 30 (vi) A video service provider, including a cable
- 31 operator; and
- 32 (P) An electric vehicle charging station;
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