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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Introduced by: (VA)

## AN ACT PROHIBITING THE OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION OR ACQUISITION OF INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY UPON OR ABUTTING MILITARY INSTALLATIONS OR AGRICULTURAL LANDS BY CERTAIN FOREIGN ENTITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Agricultural land" has the same meaning as provided in section
  3 22-26bb of the general statutes;
- 4 (2) "Foreign country of concern" means the People's Republic of
  5 China or the Russian Federation, including any agency thereof or any
  6 other entity of significant control thereof;
- (3) "Foreign principal" means (A) the government or any official of
  the government of a foreign country of concern, (B) a political party or
  member of a political party, or any subdivision of a political party, of a
  foreign country of concern, (C) (i) a partnership, association,
  corporation, organization or other combination of other persons
  organized under the laws of, or having its principal place of business in,

a foreign country of concern, or (ii) a subsidiary of any entity described
in subparagraph (C)(i) of this subdivision, or (D) a person who is
domiciled in a foreign country of concern and is not a citizen or lawful
permanent resident of the United States; and

(4) "Military installation" means any military building, structure,
parcel of land or training site owned, leased or controlled by the federal
or state government.

(b) A foreign principal shall not (1) directly or indirectly own, (2)
possess a controlling interest in, or (3) acquire by purchase, grant or
devise, any interest in real property that is upon or that abuts any
military installation or agricultural land in this state.

24 (c) A buyer of an interest in real property that abuts any military 25 installation or agricultural land in this state shall (1) at the time of 26 purchase, sign an affidavit signed under penalty of perjury attesting that 27 (A) such buyer is not a foreign principal, and (B) such purchase is not in 28 violation of the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, and (2) not 29 later than one business day after such purchase, file such affidavit with 30 the Adjutant General. The failure of the buyer or seller of such interest 31 in real property to retain a copy of such affidavit shall not affect the title, 32 or the insurability of the title, of such interest or subject any closing 33 agent for such buyer or seller to civil liability, unless any closing 34 attorney for such buyer or seller has actual knowledge that such 35 purchase is in violation of the provisions of subsection (b) of this section.

36 (d) (1) Any interest in real property owned, possessed or acquired in
37 violation of subsection (b) of this section shall be subject to forfeiture in
38 accordance with the provisions of this subsection.

(2) The Attorney General shall enforce the provisions of this section
by bringing a civil action in the superior court for the judicial district in
which such interest in real property is located for the forfeiture of such
interest owned, possessed or acquired in violation of subsection (b) of
this section.

(3) At any time during such forfeiture proceedings, the Attorney
General may seek from such superior court an ex parte order of seizure
of such interest in real property upon a showing that control of such
interest by the party against whom such civil action was brought
constitutes a clear and present danger to the state.

(4) If such superior court determines that such interest in real
property is owned, possessed or acquired in violation of subsection (b)
of this section, the court shall enter a final judgment of forfeiture vesting
title to such interest in the state, subject only to the rights and interests
of bona fide lienholders.

54 (5) The Commissioner of Administrative Services on behalf of the 55 state may sell such interest in real property, subject to a final judgment 56 of forfeiture. Proceeds from such a sale shall be applied first to the 57 payment of each bona fide lienholder described in subdivision (3) of this 58 subsection, next to the payment of each outstanding fine assessed by 59 such superior court under this subsection and then to the payment of 60 the person or entity who was divested of such interest in real property 61 pursuant to this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following<br/>sections:Section 1October 1, 2025New section

## Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit the ownership, possession or acquisition of interests in real property upon or abutting military installations or agricultural lands by certain foreign entities.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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