

House Bill 113

By: Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Hong of the 103rd, Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, Powell of the 33rd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government,
2 so as to prohibit the state or its agencies from purchasing goods from certain foreign
3 countries or related entities; to provide for a list of such goods; to provide for penalties; to
4 provide for definitions; to repeal provisions related to contracting with China; to provide for
5 powers of the Georgia Technology Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended
10 in Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 5, relating to general authority, duties, and procedure, by
11 revising Code Section 50-5-84.1, relating to contracting with companies owned by Russia
12 or Belarus, as follows:

13 "50-5-84.1.

14 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

15 (1) ~~'Company' means any sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation,~~
16 ~~partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited~~

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17 ~~liability company, or other entity or business association, including all wholly owned~~
18 ~~subsidiaries, majority owned subsidiaries, parent companies, or affiliates of such entities~~
19 ~~or business associations, that exists for the purpose of making profit~~ 'Concerned goods'
20 means goods, including component parts, services, and technology, produced by a foreign
21 company of concern deemed by the Georgia Technology Authority to pose a security
22 threat to this state or its residents.

23 (2) ~~'Government of Belarus' means the Republic of Belarus~~ 'Foreign company of
24 concern' means a sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership,
25 joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company,
26 or other entity or business association, including all wholly owned subsidiaries, majority
27 owned subsidiaries, parent companies, or affiliates of such entities or business
28 associations, that exists for the purpose of making profit and is:

29 (A) Organized or incorporated in a foreign country of concern;

30 (B) Owned or controlled by the government, a political subdivision, or a political party
31 of a foreign country of concern; or

32 (C) Has a principal place of business in a foreign country of concern.

33 (3) ~~'Government of Russia' means the Russian Federation~~ 'Foreign country of concern'
34 means a country whose government is designated as a foreign adversary by the United
35 States Secretary of Commerce pursuant to 15 C.F.R. Section 7.4.

36 (4) ~~'Scrutinized company' means any company owned or operated by the government of~~
37 ~~Russia or the government of Belarus.~~

38 (b) ~~A scrutinized company shall be ineligible to, and shall not, bid on or submit a proposal~~
39 ~~for a contract with a state agency for goods or services~~ Pursuant to the authority provided
40 in subsection (b) of Code Section 50-25-4, the Georgia Technology Authority shall
41 maintain an up-to-date list of concerned goods produced by a foreign company of concern
42 or a foreign country of concern.

43 ~~(c) A state agency shall require a company that submits a bid or proposal with respect to~~
44 ~~a contract for goods or services to certify that the company is not a scrutinized company~~
45 The state or a state agency shall not purchase concerned goods from a foreign company of
46 concern, a foreign country of concern, or a third-party vendor or reseller.

47 ~~(d) If the Department of Administrative Services determines that a company has submitted~~
48 ~~a false certification under subsection (c) of this Code section~~ If a company of concern,
49 directly or through a third-party vendor or reseller, sells concerned goods to the state or a
50 state agency:

51 (1) The foreign company of concern or third-party vendor or reseller shall be liable for
52 a civil penalty in an amount that is equal to the greater of \$250,000.00 or ~~twice~~ triple the
53 amount of the contract for which a bid or proposal was submitted entire purchase value;

54 (2) The state agency or the Department of Administrative Services shall terminate the
55 contract with the foreign company of concern or third-party vendor or reseller; and

56 (3) The foreign company of concern or third-party vendor or reseller shall be ineligible
57 to, and shall not, bid on a state contract for an award of future state contracts for a period
58 determined by the Georgia Technology Authority."

59 **SECTION 2.**

60 Said title is further amended in said part by repealing Code Section 50-5-84.2, relating to
61 contracting with companies owned by China.

62 **SECTION 3.**

63 Said title is further amended in Chapter 25, relating to the Georgia Technology Authority,
64 by revising paragraph (27) of subsection (a) of Code Section 50-25-4, relating to general
65 powers, as follows:

