

## HB379 INTRODUCED



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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law an alien, whether resident or nonresident, may own, hold, or dispose of real property with the same rights as a native citizen.

This bill would prohibit Chinese citizens, the Chinese government, or Chinese entities from acquiring title to real property in the state.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to the acquisition of title to real property; to amend Section 35-1-1, Code of Alabama 1975, to prohibit Chinese citizens, the Chinese government, or Chinese entities from acquiring real property in the state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the Alabama Property Protection Act.

Section 2. Section 35-1-1, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§35-1-1

~~An~~Except as provided in Section 3 of this act, an alien, resident or nonresident may take and hold property,



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29 real and personal, in this state, either by purchase, descent,  
30 or devise, and may dispose of and transmit the same by sale,  
31 descent, or devise as a native citizen."

32 Section 3. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the  
33 following governments, entities or individuals shall not  
34 purchase or otherwise acquire title to real property in this  
35 state:

36 (1) Any governmental entity of China.

37 (2) Any company or other entity that is any of the  
38 following:

39 a. Headquartered in China.

40 b. Directly or indirectly held or controlled by  
41 the government of China.

42 c. Of which the majority of its stock or other  
43 ownership interest is held or controlled by individuals who  
44 are citizens of China.

45 d. Of which the majority of stock or other ownership  
46 interest of which is held or controlled by a company or entity  
47 described by paragraphs a., b., or c.

48 (3) Any individual who is a citizen of China.

49 (b) Subsection (a) shall apply only to the purchase of  
50 or other acquisition of title to real property on or after the  
51 effective date of this act. The purchase of or other  
52 acquisition of title to real property prior to the effective  
53 date of this act is governed by the law in effect immediately  
54 prior to the effective date of this act, and that law is  
55 continued in effect for that purpose.

56 Section 4. This act shall become effective on the first



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57 day of the third month following its passage and approval by  
58 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.