

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. BLACKBURN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Prohibition of Agricul-
5 tural Land for Foreign Adversaries Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) **AGRICULTURAL LAND.**—The term “agricul-
9 tural land” has the meaning given the term in sec-

1 tion 9 of the Agricultural Foreign Investment Dis-
2 closure Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 3508).

3 (2) COVERED PERSON.—The term “covered
4 person” means an individual or entity associated
5 with the government of—

6 (A) the Democratic People’s Republic of
7 Korea;

8 (B) the Islamic Republic of Iran;

9 (C) the People’s Republic of China; or

10 (D) the Russian Federation.

11 (3) UNITED STATES.—The term “United
12 States” includes any State, territory, or possession
13 of the United States.

14 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL**
15 **LAND IN THE UNITED STATES BY PERSONS**
16 **ASSOCIATED WITH CERTAIN FOREIGN GOV-**
17 **ERNMENTS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
19 sion of law, the President shall take such actions as may
20 be necessary to prohibit the purchase by covered persons
21 of public or private agricultural land (including ranching
22 land) located in the United States.

23 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may exercise
24 all authorities provided under sections 203 and 205 of the

1 International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
2 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) to carry out subsection (a).

3 (c) PENALTIES.—A person that violates, attempts to
4 violate, conspires to violate, or causes a violation of sub-
5 section (a) or any regulation, license, or order issued to
6 carry out that subsection shall be subject to the penalties
7 set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the
8 International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
9 U.S.C. 1705) to the same extent as a person that commits
10 an unlawful act described in subsection (a) of that section.

11 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION ON PARTICIPATION IN DEPARTMENT**
12 **OF AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS BY PERSONS**
13 **ASSOCIATED WITH CERTAIN FOREIGN GOV-**
14 **ERNMENTS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
16 (b), notwithstanding any other provision of the law, the
17 President shall take such actions as may be necessary to
18 prohibit participation in Department of Agriculture pro-
19 grams by covered persons.

20 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to
21 participation in any Department of Agriculture program
22 relating to food inspection or any other food safety regu-
23 latory requirements.