**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 11‑35‑5350 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC ENTITY MAY NOT ENTER INTO CERTAIN CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN COMPANIES OWNED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA OR THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Article 23, Chapter 35, Title 11 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 11‑35‑5350. (A) A public entity may not enter into a contract with a business to acquire or dispose of supplies, services, information technology, properties, including surplus property, or construction with a company or development owned or controlled by a company that is owned, in whole or in part, by, or is a subsidiary of, a company that is owned by the People’s Republic of China or the Chinese Communist Party or whose principal place of business is located within the People’s Republic of China.

(B) For purposes of this section:

(1) ‘Chinese Communist Party’ includes all agencies, institutions, and instrumentalities of the Chinese Communist Party;

(2) ‘company’ or ‘development’ means a sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, trust, venture, group, subgroup, or any other entity or organization, its subsidiary or affiliate that exists for‑profit‑making purposes or to otherwise secure economic advantage;

(3) ‘People’s Republic of China’ includes all agencies, institutions, instrumentalities, and political subdivisions of the People’s Republic of China;

(4) a ‘public entity’ includes state agencies and political subdivisions, including school districts.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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