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AMENDMENTS TO LB644

Introduced by Government, Military and Veterans Affairs.

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 **Section 1.** Sections 1 to 13 of this act shall be known and may be
- 4 cited as the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration Act.
- 5 Sec. 2. The purpose of the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent
- 6 Registration Act is to provide public transparency for the political and
- 7 propaganda activities and influence operations of agents of adversary
- 8 <u>nations and foreign terror organizations in Nebraska.</u>
- 9 **Sec. 3.** For purposes of the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent
- 10 Registration Act:
- 11 (1) Adversary nation means those countries listed in 15 C.F.R.
- 12 791.4, as such regulation existed on April 1, 2025;
- 13 (2)(a) Agent of a foreign principal means:
- 14 (i) Any person who directly, or through any other person, within the
- 15 State of Nebraska, engages in covered activities and who acts:
- 16 (A) As an agent, representative, employee, or servant, of a foreign
- 17 principal; or
- 18 (B) In any other capacity at the order or request or under the
- 19 direction or control, of a foreign principal or of a person, any of whose
- 20 <u>activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled,</u>
- 21 <u>financed</u>, or subsidized in whole or in part by, a foreign principal; or
- 22 <u>(ii) Any person who agrees, consents, assumes, or purports to act</u>
- 23 as, or who is or purports to be, whether or not pursuant to a contractual
- 24 relationship, an agent of a foreign principal as defined in subdivision
- 25 (2)(a)(i) of this section.
- 26 (b) Agent of a foreign principal does not include any media entity,
- 27 solely by virtue of any bona fide news or journalistic activities,

- 1 including the solicitation or acceptance of advertisements,
- 2 <u>subscriptions</u>, or other compensation therefor, so long as:
- 3 (i) The media entity is at least eighty percent beneficially owned
- 4 by citizens of the United States;
- 5 (ii) Any officers and directors of the media entity are citizens of
- 6 the United States; and
- 7 (iii) The media entity is not owned, directed, supervised,
- 8 controlled, subsidized, or financed, and none of its policies are
- 9 determined by, any foreign principal or by any agent of a foreign
- 10 principal required to register under the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist
- 11 Agent Registration Act;
- 12 <u>(3) Covered activities means:</u>
- 13 (a) Engaging in political activities for, or in the interests of, a
- 14 <u>foreign principal;</u>
- 15 (b) Acting as a public relations counsel, publicity agent,
- 16 information-service employee or political consultant for, or in the
- 17 <u>interests of, a foreign principal;</u>
- 18 (c) Soliciting, collecting, disbursing, or dispensing contributions,
- 19 <u>loans, money, or other things of value for, or in the interests of, a</u>
- 20 foreign principal; or
- 21 (d) Representing the interests of such foreign principal before any
- 22 agency or official of this state or a political subdivision of this
- 23 state;
- 24 (4) False statement of material fact includes any of the following
- 25 with respect to a registration statement, a supplement to such statement,
- 26 or any document filed with or furnished to the Attorney General under the
- 27 <u>Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration Act:</u>
- 28 (a) A false statement of material fact;
- 29 (b) An omission of a material fact required to be reported; and
- 30 <u>(c) An omission of a material fact or copy of a material document</u>
- 31 necessary to make the statements made in such statement, supplement, or

- 1 <u>document not misleading;</u>
- 2 (5) Foreign political party means any organization or any other
- 3 combination of individuals in a country other than the United States, or
- 4 any unit or branch thereof, having for an aim or purpose, or which is
- 5 engaged in any activity devoted in whole or in part to, the
- 6 establishment, administration, control, or acquisition of administration
- 7 or control, of a government of a foreign country or a subdivision
- 8 thereof, or the furtherance or influencing of the political or public
- 9 interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or
- 10 a subdivision thereof;
- 11 (6) Foreign principal means:
- 12 (a) A government of a foreign country, any agency or instrumentality
- 13 of such government, or a foreign political party;
- 14 (b) A person outside of the United States, unless it is established
- 15 that such person is an individual and a citizen or permanent resident of
- 16 and domiciled within the United States, or that such person is not an
- 17 <u>individual and is organized under or created by the laws of the United</u>
- 18 States or of any state or other place subject to the jurisdiction of the
- 19 United States and has its principal place of business within the United
- 20 States;
- 21 (c) A partnership, association, corporation, organization, or other
- 22 combination of persons organized under the laws of, or having its
- 23 principal place of business in, a foreign country;
- 24 (d) A partnership, association, corporation, organization, or other
- 25 combination of persons that is at least twenty percent beneficially owned
- 26 by a partnership, association, corporation, organization, or other
- 27 <u>combination of persons organized under the laws of, or having its</u>
- 28 principal place of business in, a foreign country;
- 29 <u>(e) Any person that owns or operates in whole or in part an entity</u>
- 30 <u>described in subdivision (6)(d) of this section;</u>
- 31 (f) Any person that is owned or operated in whole or in part by a

1 person or entity described in subdivision (6)(a), (b), (c), or (e) of

- 2 this section; or
- 3 (g) A foreign terrorist organization;
- 4 (7) Foreign terrorist organization means an organization included on
- 5 the United States Department of State's list of designated foreign
- 6 <u>terrorist organizations pursuant to 8 U.S.C. 1189, as such section</u>
- 7 existed on April 1, 2025;
- 8 (8) Government of a foreign country means any person or group of
- 9 persons exercising sovereign de facto or de jure political jurisdiction
- 10 over any country, other than the United States, or over any part of such
- 11 country, and includes any subdivision of any such group and any group or
- 12 <u>agency to which such sovereign de facto or de jure authority or functions</u>
- 13 <u>are directly or indirectly delegated. Such term shall include any faction</u>
- 14 or body of insurgents within a country assuming to exercise governmental
- 15 <u>authority whether such faction or body of insurgents has or has not been</u>
- 16 recognized by the United States;
- 17 (9) Information service employee means any person who is engaged in
- 18 furnishing, disseminating, or publishing accounts, descriptions,
- 19 information, or data with respect to the political, industrial,
- 20 employment, economic, social, cultural, or other benefits, advantages,
- 21 <u>facts</u>, or conditions of any country other than the United States, any
- 22 government of a foreign country, any foreign political party, or a
- 23 partnership, association, corporation, organization, or other combination
- 24 of individuals organized under the laws of, or having its principal place
- 25 of business in, a foreign country;
- 26 <u>(10) Media entity means any:</u>
- 27 (a) News or press service or association organized under the laws of
- 28 <u>the United States, any state, or any other place subject to the</u>
- 29 jurisdiction of the United States;
- 30 (b) Newspaper, magazine, periodical, or other publication; or
- 31 <u>(c) Website or application that enables users to create and share</u>

- 1 content or to participate in social networking;
- 2 (11) Owned or operated in whole or in part means that a person has

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- 3 the power, directly or indirectly, whether or not exercised, to
- determine, direct, or decide important matters affecting an entity 4
- 5 including through:
- 6 (a) The ownership of at least twenty percent of the total
- 7 outstanding voting interest in an entity;
- 8 (b) Board representation;
- 9 (c) The ability to appoint or discharge any board members, officers,
- 10 or directors;
- (d) Proxy voting, a special share, contractual arrangements, legal 11
- obligations, or formal or informal arrangements to act in concert; or 12
- 13 (e) Any other means;
- 14 (12) Person means an individual, a partnership, an association, a
- 15 corporation, an organization, or any other entity or combination of
- 16 individuals;
- 17 (13) Political activities means any activity that the person
- engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way 18
- 19 influence any agency or official of this state or a political subdivision
- 20 of this state with reference to formulating, adopting, or changing the
- 21 domestic or foreign policies of the United States or of the State of
- 22 Nebraska with reference to the political or public interests, policies,
- 23 or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political
- 24 party;
- 25 (14) Political consultant means any person who engages in informing
- 26 or advising any other person with reference to the policies of the State
- 27 of Nebraska or the political or public interest, policies, or relations
- 28 of a foreign country or of a foreign political party;
- 29 (15) Political propaganda means information, especially of a biased
- 30 or misleading nature, used to promote the political cause or point of
- 31 view of an adversary nation, a foreign terrorist organization, or a

1 political party from an adversary nation or a foreign terrorist

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- 2 organization;
- 3 (16) Postsecondary educational institution has the same meaning as
- 4 postsecondary institution in section 85-2403;
- 5 (17) Prints means newspapers, periodicals, books, pamphlets, sheet
- music, visiting cards, address cards, printing proofs, engravings, 6
- 7 photographs, pictures, drawings, plans, maps, patterns to be cut out,
- 8 catalogs, prospectuses, and advertisements; printed, engraved,
- 9 lithographed, or autographed notices of various kinds; and, in general,
- all impressions or reproductions obtained on paper or other material 10
- 11 assimilable to paper, on parchment or on cardboard, by means of printing,
- engraving, lithography, autography, or any other easily recognizable 12
- 13 mechanical process, with the exception of the copying press, stamps with
- 14 movable or immovable type, and the typewriter;
- 15 (18) Public relations counsel means any person who engages directly
- or indirectly in informing, advising, or in any way representing a 16
- principal in any public relations matter pertaining to political or 17
- public interests, policies, or relations of such principal; 18
- 19 (19) Publicity agent means any person who engages directly or
- 20 indirectly in the publication or dissemination of oral, visual, graphic,
- 21 written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including
- 22 publication by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers,
- 23 <u>lectures</u>, <u>broadcasts</u>, <u>motion pictures</u>, <u>or otherwise</u>;
- (20) Registration statement means the registration statement 24
- 25 required to be filed with the Attorney General under section 4 of this
- 26 act, and any supplements to such statement required to be filed under
- 27 such section, and includes all documents and papers required to be filed
- with, or in amendment to, such statement or supplements, whether attached 28
- 29 or incorporated by reference; and
- 30 (21) United States, when used in a geographical sense, means the
- 31 several states, the District of Columbia, the territories, the insular

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1 possessions, and all other places now or hereafter subject to the civil

- 2 or military jurisdiction of the United States.
- 3 Sec. 4. (1) No person shall act as an agent of a foreign principal
- from an adversary nation or a foreign terrorist organization unless such 4
- 5 person has filed with the Attorney General a true and complete
- 6 registration statement and supplements to such statement as required by
- 7 this section or unless such person is exempt from registration under the
- 8 Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration Act. Except as
- 9 otherwise provided under the act, every person who becomes an agent of a
- foreign principal from an adversary nation or a foreign terrorist 10
- 11 organization shall, within ten days thereafter, file with the Attorney
- General, in duplicate, a registration statement, under oath on a form 12
- prescribed by the Attorney General. The obligation of such an agent to 13
- 14 file a registration statement shall, after the tenth day of such person
- 15 becoming such an agent, continue from day to day, and termination of such
- status shall not relieve such agent from the obligation to file a 16
- 17 registration statement for the period during which such agent was an
- agent of a foreign principal from an adversary nation or a foreign 18
- 19 terrorist organization. The registration statement shall include the
- 20 following, which shall be regarded as material for the purposes of this
- 21 subsection:
- 22 (a) The registrant's name, principal business address, and all other
- 23 business addresses in the United States or elsewhere, and all residence
- 24 addresses, if any;
- 25 (b) The status of the registrant, including:
- 26 (i) If an individual, such individual's citizenship;
- 27 (ii) If a partnership, the name, residence addresses, and
- citizenship of each partner and a true and complete copy of its 28
- 29 partnership agreement;
- 30 (iii) If an association, corporation, organization, or any other
- 31 combination of individuals, the name, residence addresses, and

- 1 citizenship of each director and officer and of each person performing
- the functions of a director or officer and a true and complete copy of 2
- 3 its charter, articles of incorporation, association, constitution,
- operating agreement, certificate of organization, articles of 4
- 5 organization, and bylaws and any amendments thereto; and
- 6 (iv) A copy of every other instrument or document and a statement of
- 7 the terms and conditions of every oral agreement relating to the
- 8 registrant's organization, powers, and purposes, and a statement of
- 9 ownership and control;
- 10 (c)(i) A comprehensive statement of the nature of the registrant's
- 11 business;
- (ii) A complete list of the registrant's employees and a statement 12
- 13 of the nature of the work of each;
- 14 (iii) The name and address of every foreign principal from an
- 15 adversary nation or a foreign terrorist organization for whom the
- registrant is acting, assuming or purporting to act, or has agreed to 16
- 17 act;
- (iv) The character of the business or other activities of every such 18
- 19 foreign principal from an adversary nation or a foreign terrorist
- 20 organization, and, if any such principal is not an individual, a
- 21 statement of the ownership and control of each; and
- 22 (v) The extent, if any, to which each such foreign principal from an
- 23 adversary nation or a foreign terrorist organization is supervised,
- 24 directed, owned, controlled, financed, or subsidized, in whole or in
- 25 part, by any government of a foreign country or foreign political party,
- 26 or by any other foreign principal from an adversary nation or a foreign
- 27 terrorist organization;
- 28 (d)(i) Copies of each written agreement and the terms and conditions
- 29 of each oral agreement, including all modifications of such agreements,
- 30 or, if no agreement exists, a full statement of all the circumstances, by
- 31 reason of which the registrant is an agent of a foreign principal from an

- 1 adversary nation or a foreign terrorist organization; and
- 2 (ii) A comprehensive statement of the nature and method of
- 3 performance of each such agreement, and of the existing and proposed
- activity or activities engaged in or to be engaged in by the registrant 4
- 5 as agent of a foreign principal from an adversary nation or a foreign
- 6 terrorist organization for each such principal, including a detailed
- 7 statement of any such activity that is a political activity;
- 8 (e) The nature and amount of any contributions, income, money, or
- 9 thing of value that the registrant has received within the preceding one
- 10 hundred eighty days from each such foreign principal from an adversary
- 11 nation or a foreign terrorist organization, either as compensation or for
- 12 disbursement or otherwise, and the form and time of each such payment and
- 13 from whom received;
- 14 (f)(i) A detailed statement of every activity that the registrant is
- 15 performing, assuming or purporting to perform, directing others to
- 16 perform, or has agreed to perform for the registrant or for any person
- 17 other than a foreign principal from an adversary nation or a foreign
- terrorist organization and that requires registration under this section, 18
- 19 including a detailed statement of any such activity that is a political
- 20 activity;
- 21 (ii) The name, business, and residence addresses, and if an
- 22 individual, such individual's citizenship, of any such other person;
- 23 (iii) The extent to which each such other person is supervised,
- 24 directed, owned, controlled, financed, or subsidized, in whole or in
- 25 part, by any government of a foreign country or foreign political party
- 26 or by any other foreign principal from an adversary nation or a foreign
- 27 terrorist organization; and
- 28 (iv) The nature and amount of contributions, income, money, or thing
- 29 of value, if any, that the registrant has received during the preceding
- 30 one hundred eighty days from each such other person in connection with
- 31 any of the activities referred to in subdivision (1)(f)(i) of this

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1 <u>section</u>, either as compensation or for disbursement or otherwise, and the

- 2 form and time of each such payment and from whom received;
- 3 (g)(i) A detailed statement of the money and other things of value
- 4 spent or disposed of by the registrant during the preceding one hundred
- 5 eighty days in furtherance of or in connection with activities that
- 6 require registration under this section and that have been undertaken by
- 7 the registrant either as an agent of a foreign principal from an
- 8 adversary nation or a foreign terrorist organization, for the registrant,
- 9 or for any other person or in connection with any activities relating to
- 10 the registrant becoming an agent of such principal; and
- 11 (ii) A detailed statement of any contributions of money or other
- 12 things of value made by the registrant during the preceding one hundred
- 13 eighty days, other than contributions prohibited under 52 U.S.C. 30121,
- 14 <u>as such section existed on April 1, 2025, in connection with an election</u>
- 15 to any political office or in connection with any primary election,
- 16 convention, or caucus held to select candidates for any political office;
- 17 (h) Copies of each written agreement and the terms and conditions of
- 18 each oral agreement, including all modifications of such agreements, or,
- 19 if no agreement exists, a full statement of all the circumstances, by
- 20 <u>reason of which the registrant is performing, assuming or purporting to</u>
- 21 perform, directing others to perform, or has agreed to perform for the
- 22 registrant, for a foreign principal from an adversary nation or a foreign
- 23 terrorist organization, or for any other person, any activities that
- 24 require registration under this section;
- 25 (i) Such other statements, information, or documents pertinent to
- 26 the purposes of this subsection as the Attorney General, having due
- 27 regard for the national security and the public interest, may from time
- 28 to time require; and
- 29 (j) Such further statements and such further copies of documents as
- 30 <u>are necessary to make the statements made in the registration statement</u>
- 31 and supplements to such statement, and the copies of documents furnished

- 1 therewith, not misleading.
- 2 (2) Every agent of a foreign principal from an adversary nation or a
- 3 foreign terrorist organization who has filed a registration statement
- 4 required by subsection (1) of this section shall, within thirty days
- 5 after the expiration of each period of six months succeeding such filing,
- 6 file with the Attorney General a supplement to such statement under oath,
- 7 on a form prescribed by the Attorney General. Such statement shall set
- 8 forth, with respect to such preceding six-month period, such facts as the
- 9 Attorney General, having due regard for the national security and the
- 10 public interest, deems necessary to make the information required under
- 11 this section accurate, complete, and current with respect to such six-
- 12 month period. In connection with the information furnished under
- 13 subdivisions (1)(c), (d), (f)(i), and (h) of this section, the registrant
- 14 shall give notice to the Attorney General of any change therein within
- 15 ten days after such change occurs. If the Attorney General, having due
- 16 regard for the national security and the public interest, determines that
- 17 <u>it is necessary to carry out the purposes of the Foreign Adversary and</u>
- 18 Terrorist Agent Registration Act, the Attorney General may, in any
- 19 particular case, require supplements to the registration statement to be
- 20 <u>filed at more frequent intervals with respect to all or particular items</u>
- 21 <u>of information to be furnished.</u>
- 22 <u>(3) The registration statement and supplements to such statement</u>
- 23 <u>shall be executed under oath as follows:</u>
- 24 (a) If the registrant is an individual, by such individual;
- 25 (b) If the registrant is a partnership, by the majority of the
- 26 partners thereof; and
- 27 <u>(c) If the registrant is a person other than an individual or a</u>
- 28 partnership, by a majority of the officers thereof or persons performing
- 29 <u>the functions of officers or by a majority of the board of directors</u>
- 30 thereof or persons performing the functions of directors, if any.
- 31 (4) The fact that a registration statement or supplement has been

- 1 filed shall not:
- (a) Necessarily be deemed full compliance with the Foreign Adversary 2
- 3 and Terrorist Agent Registration Act and the rules and regulations
- 4 adopted and promulgated under the act on the part of the registrant;
- 5 (b) Indicate that the Attorney General has in any way passed upon
- 6 the merits of such statement or supplement; or
- 7 (c) Preclude liability for willfully:
- 8 (i) Failing to file a registration statement or supplement when due;
- 9 or
- (ii) Making a false statement of a material fact in such statement, 10
- 11 supplement, or any other document filed with or furnished to the Attorney
- 12 General under the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration Act.
- 13 (5) If any agent of a foreign principal required to register under
- 14 the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration Act has previously
- 15 registered with the Attorney General under the act, the Attorney General,
- in order to eliminate inappropriate duplication, may permit the 16
- incorporation by reference in the registration statement or supplements 17
- of any information or documents previously filed by such agent. 18
- 19 Sec. 5. (1) Section 4 of this act shall not apply to the following
- 20 agents of foreign principals:
- 21 (a) A duly accredited diplomatic or consular officer of a foreign
- 22 government who is so recognized by the United States Department of State,
- 23 while such officer is engaged exclusively in activities that are
- 24 recognized by the United States Department of State as being within the
- 25 scope of the functions of such officer;
- 26 (b) Any official of a foreign government, if such government is
- 27 recognized by the United States, who is not a public relations counsel,
- 28 publicity agent, information service employee, or a citizen of the United
- 29 States, whose name and status and the character of whose duties as such
- 30 official are of public record in the United States Department of State,
- 31 while such official is engaged exclusively in activities that are

1 recognized by the United States Department of State as being within the

- 2 scope of the functions of such official;
- 3 (c) Any member of the staff of, or any person employed by, a duly
- accredited diplomatic or consular officer of a foreign government who is 4
- 5 so recognized by the United States Department of State, other than a
- 6 public relations counsel, publicity agent, or information service
- 7 employee, whose name and status and the character of whose duties as such
- 8 member or employee are of public record in the United States Department
- 9 of State, while such member or employee is engaged exclusively in the
- performance of activities that are recognized by the United States 10
- 11 Department of State as being within the scope of the functions of such
- 12 member or employee;
- 13 (d) Any person qualified to practice law in the State of Nebraska,
- 14 insofar as such person engages or agrees to engage in the legal
- 15 representation of a foreign principal from an adversary nation or a
- foreign terrorist organization before any state or federal court or 16
- 17 agency or any agency of a political subdivision of this state, except
- that for the purposes of the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent 18
- 19 Registration Act, legal representation does not include attempts to
- influence or persuade agency personnel or officials other than in the 20
- 21 course of judicial proceedings, criminal or civil law enforcement
- 22 inquiries, investigations, or proceedings, or agency proceedings required
- 23 by statute or regulation to be conducted on the record; or
- 24 (e) Any person who advocates on behalf of an individual for
- 25 individualized immigration relief.
- 26 (2) No person acting as an agent of a foreign principal from an
- 27 adversary nation or a foreign terrorist organization shall subcontract
- for services for activities regulated under the Foreign Adversary and 28
- 29 Terrorist Agent Registration Act requiring registration as an agent of a
- 30 foreign principal, or otherwise induce another person to carry out
- 31 activities that are so regulated under the act unless such person fully

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1 informs all parties of their status as such an agent. The requirements of

- 2 this subsection apply to any person carrying out services or activities
- 3 regulated under the act requiring registration as an agent of a foreign
- 4 principal.
- 5 (1) Every person within the State of Nebraska who is an Sec. 6.
- agent of a foreign principal from an adversary nation or a foreign 6
- 7 terrorist organization and who is required to register under the Foreign
- 8 Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration Act and who transmits or
- 9 causes to be transmitted in the United States mail, through digital
- communication, or by any means or instrumentality of interstate or 10
- 11 foreign commerce any informational materials for, or in the interests of,
- 12 such foreign principal in the form of prints or in any other form that is
- reasonably adapted to being, that such person believes will be, or that 13
- 14 such person intends to be, disseminated or circulated among two or more
- 15 persons shall, not later than forty-eight hours after the beginning of
- the transmittal thereof, file with the Attorney General two copies 16
- 17 thereof.
- (2) It shall be unlawful for any person within the State of Nebraska 18
- 19 who is an agent of a foreign principal from an adversary nation or a
- 20 foreign terrorist organization and required to register under the Foreign
- 21 Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration Act to transmit or cause to be
- 22 transmitted in the United States mail, through digital communication, or
- 23 by any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce any
- 24 informational materials for, or in the interests of, such foreign
- 25 principal without placing in such informational materials a conspicuous
- 26 statement that the materials are distributed by the agent on behalf of
- 27 such foreign principal, and that additional information is on file with
- 28 the Attorney General. The Attorney General may by rule and regulation
- 29 define what constitutes a conspicuous statement for the purposes of this
- 30 section.
- 31 (3) The copies of informational materials required by this section

1 to be filed with the Attorney General shall be available for public

- 2 <u>inspection under such rules and regulations as the Attorney General may</u>
- 3 <u>adopt and promulgate.</u>
- 4 (4) It shall be unlawful for any person within the State of Nebraska
- 5 who is an agent of a foreign principal from an adversary nation or a
- 6 foreign terrorist organization required to register under the Foreign
- 7 Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration Act to transmit, convey, or
- 8 otherwise furnish to any agency or official of the state, including any
- 9 agency or official of a political subdivision of the state, for or in the
- 10 interests of such foreign principal, any political propaganda, or to
- 11 request from any such agency or official for, or in the interests of,
- 12 such foreign principal, any information or advice with respect to any
- 13 matter pertaining to the political or public interests, policies, or
- 14 relations of an adversary nation, a foreign terrorist organization, or a
- 15 political party from an adversary nation or a foreign terrorist
- 16 organization, or pertaining to the foreign or domestic policies of the
- 17 <u>United States or the State of Nebraska, unless the propaganda or the</u>
- 18 request is prefaced or accompanied by a true and accurate statement to
- 19 the effect that such person is registered as an agent of such foreign
- 20 principal under the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration
- 21 Act.
- 22 <u>(5) Whenever any agent of a foreign principal from an adversary</u>
- 23 <u>nation or a foreign terrorist organization required to register under the</u>
- 24 Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration Act appears before any
- 25 committee of the Legislature or a local government to testify for, or in
- 26 the interests of, such foreign principal, such agent shall, at the time
- 27 of such appearance, furnish the committee with a copy of such agent's
- 28 most recent registration statement filed with the Attorney General for
- 29 <u>inclusion in the records of the committee as part of such agent's</u>
- 30 <u>testimony</u>.
- 31 Sec. 7. (1) Every person who is an agent of a foreign principal

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1 from an adversary nation or a foreign terrorist organization registered

- 2 under the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration Act shall
- 3 keep and preserve, while such person is such an agent, such books of
- 4 account and other records with respect to all activities, the disclosure
- 5 of which is required under the act, in accordance with such business and
- 6 accounting practices, as the Attorney General, having due regard for the
- 7 national security and the public interest, may by rule and regulation
- 8 require as necessary or appropriate for the enforcement of the act and
- 9 shall preserve such records for a period of three years following the
- 10 termination of such status. Until rules and regulations are in effect
- 11 under this section, every agent of a foreign principal from an adversary
- 12 nation or a foreign terrorist organization shall keep books of account
- 13 and shall preserve all written records with respect to such agent's
- 14 <u>activities. Such books and records shall be open at all reasonable times</u>
- 15 to the inspection of any official charged with the enforcement of the
- 16 act.
- 17 (2) No person shall willfully (a) conceal, destroy, obliterate,
- 18 mutilate, or falsify, any book or record that is required to be kept
- 19 under the act, (b) attempt such conduct, or (c) cause such conduct to be
- 20 done.
- 21 Sec. 8. (1) The Attorney General shall retain in permanent form one
- 22 copy of each registration statement furnished under the Foreign Adversary
- 23 and Terrorist Agent Registration Act, and such statement shall be a
- 24 public record and open to public examination and inspection at such
- 25 reasonable hours, under such rules and regulations as the Attorney
- 26 General may adopt and promulgate.
- 27 (2) The Attorney General shall, upon receipt, promptly transmit one
- 28 copy of any registration statement filed, and one copy of every amendment
- 29 or supplement to such statement filed, to the United States Secretary of
- 30 State for such comment and use as the secretary may determine to be
- 31 appropriate from the point of view of the foreign relations of the United

States. Failure of the Attorney General to transmit such copy shall not 1

- 2 be a bar to prosecution under the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent
- 3 Registration Act.
- (3) The Attorney General may furnish information obtained by the 4
- 5 Attorney General in the administration of the act to state and federal
- agencies and to committees of the Legislature. The Attorney General may 6
- 7 furnish such information as may be appropriate in light of the purposes
- 8 of the act. This includes, but is not limited to, the names of
- 9 registrants under the act, copies of registration statements, or parts
- thereof, and other documents or information filed under the act. 10
- (4) The Attorney General shall report to the Legislature every six 11
- 12 months concerning administration of the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist
- Agent Registration Act, including registrations filed pursuant to the 13
- 14 act, and the nature, sources, and content of political propaganda
- 15 <u>disseminated</u> and <u>distributed</u>.
- (5) The Attorney General shall post a monthly report on the portal 16
- 17 described in section 12 of this act concerning administration of the
- Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration Act, including 18
- 19 registrations filed pursuant to the act, and the nature, sources, and
- 20 content of political propaganda disseminated and distributed.
- 21 For an agent of a foreign principal from an adversary
- 22 nation or a foreign terrorist organization that is not an individual,
- 23 each officer or director of such agent or person performing the functions
- 24 of an officer or a director shall cause such agent to execute and file a
- 25 registration statement and supplements to such statement as and when such
- 26 filing is required under section 4 of this act and shall also cause such
- 27 agent to comply with sections 6 and 7 of this act and all other
- requirements of the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration 28
- 29 Act. Dissolution of any organization acting as an agent of a foreign
- 30 principal from an adversary nation or a foreign terrorist organization
- 31 shall not relieve any such agent from complying with this section. In

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- 1 case of the failure of any such agent to comply with any of the
- requirements of the act, each of such agent's officers, directors, or 2
- 3 persons performing the functions of officers or directors shall be
- subject to prosecution under the act. 4
- 5 Sec. 10. (1)(a) A person shall not:
- 6 (i) Willfully violate any provision of the Foreign Adversary and
- 7 Terrorist Agent Registration Act or any rule or regulation under the act;
- 8 <u>or</u>
- 9 (ii) In any registration statement, supplement to such statement, or
- any other document filed with or furnished to the Attorney General under 10
- 11 the act, willfully make a false statement of a material fact.
- (b) A person who violates this subsection shall be subject to a 12
- civil penalty of up to fifty thousand dollars. The total civil penalties 13
- 14 a person may be required to pay under this subsection shall not exceed
- 15 fifty thousand dollars for any violations occurring in the same calendar
- 16 year.
- 17 (2) If a person found to be in violation of subsection (1) of this
- section is a student, a faculty member, a researcher, or an adjunct or is 18
- 19 otherwise employed by or associated with a postsecondary educational
- 20 institution, such person shall be expelled or dismissed from any role
- 21 with any postsecondary educational institution in Nebraska and shall be
- 22 prohibited from entering any campus of such an institution in this state.
- (3) Each postsecondary educational institution in Nebraska shall 23
- 24 adopt a policy for permanent expulsion and dismissal of individuals found
- 25 to be in violation of subsection (1) of this section.
- 26 (4)(a) This subsection applies to any proceeding under the act in
- 27 which it is alleged that a person is an agent of a foreign principal from
- 28 an adversary nation or a foreign terrorist organization.
- 29 (b) In pretrial proceedings relating to an ongoing investigation,
- 30 the Attorney General shall provide evidence of the suspected identity of
- 31 the principal, but such evidence and suspected identity shall not be

- 1 publicly disclosed.
- (c) In any civil action filed under the act, the specific identity 2
- 3 of the principal shall be alleged and it shall be the burden of the
- 4 Attorney General to prove such identity.
- 5 (5) Failure to file any registration statement or supplements to
- such statement as required by section 4 of this act shall be considered a 6
- 7 continuing violation for as long as such failure exists, notwithstanding
- 8 any statute of limitation or other statute to the contrary.
- 9 (6) Whenever, in the judgment of the Attorney General, any person
- 10 has engaged in any act or practice that constitutes a violation of the
- 11 Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration Act or any rule or
- 12 regulation under the act, the Attorney General may apply to the district
- 13 court for an order enjoining such acts or practices or for an order
- 14 directing compliance. Upon a showing by the Attorney General that such
- 15 person has engaged in any such acts or practices, the court may issue a
- temporary or permanent injunction, restraining order, or such other order 16
- 17 that it may deem proper.
- (7) If the Attorney General determines that a registration statement 18
- 19 does not comply with the requirements of the Foreign Adversary and
- 20 Terrorist Agent Registration Act or the rules and regulations adopted and
- 21 promulgated under the act, the Attorney General shall notify the
- 22 registrant in writing, specifying in what respects the statement is
- 23 deficient. No person shall act as an agent of a foreign principal from an
- 24 adversary nation or a foreign terrorist organization at any time ten days
- 25 or more after receipt of such notification without filing an amended
- 26 registration statement in full compliance with the requirements of the
- 27 act and the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated under the act.
- (8) It shall be unlawful for any agent of a foreign principal from 28
- 29 an adversary nation or a foreign terrorist organization required to
- 30 register under the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration Act
- 31 to be a party to any contract, agreement, or understanding, either

- 1 express or implied, with such foreign principal pursuant to which the
- 2 amount or payment of the compensation, fee, or other remuneration of such
- 3 agent is contingent, in whole or in part, upon the success of any
- 4 political activities carried on by such agent.
- 5 **Sec. 11.** (1) For purposes of this section, covered employee means a
- 6 <u>state employee who is required to file a statement of financial interest</u>
- 7 under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act.
- 8 (2)(a) Each covered employee of the State of Nebraska or any state
- 9 agency shall submit a signed affidavit to his or her employer attesting
- 10 that the covered employee is not an agent of a foreign principal from an
- 11 <u>adversary nation or a foreign terrorist organization.</u>
- 12 <u>(b) The affidavit shall be in a form developed by the Department of</u>
- 13 Administrative Services in consultation with the Attorney General.
- 14 (c) A covered employee of a postsecondary educational institution
- 15 shall submit such affidavit at the beginning of each academic year. Any
- 16 other covered employee shall submit such affidavit on or before January 1
- of every even-numbered year.
- 18 (3)(a) All businesses and nonprofit organizations operating within
- 19 the State of Nebraska shall attest, on a report to be filed with the
- 20 Secretary of State, that they are cognizant of and in compliance with the
- 21 Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration Act.
- 22 <u>(b) The attestation required by this subsection shall be filed as</u>
- 23 <u>follows:</u>
- 24 (i) For a domestic or foreign limited liability company, the
- 25 attestation shall be included in the biennial report in each odd-numbered
- 26 year under section 21-125;
- 27 (ii) For a domestic or foreign corporation subject to the Nebraska
- 28 Model Business Corporation Act, the attestation shall be included in the
- 29 <u>biennial report in each even-numbered year under section 21-301 or</u>
- 30 <u>21-304;</u>
- 31 (iii) For a domestic or foreign nonprofit corporation, the

1 attestation shall be included in the biennial report in each odd-numbered

- 2 year under section 21-19,172;
- 3 (iv) For a domestic or foreign limited liability partnership, the
- 4 attestation shall be included in the annual report under section 67-456;
- 5 and
- 6 (v) For any other business or nonprofit organization not described
- 7 in this subdivisions (2)(b)(i) through (iv), the attestation shall be
- 8 <u>filed between March 31 and June 1 of each odd-numbered year in a manner</u>
- 9 prescribed by the Secretary of State.
- 10 <u>(c) The Attorney General shall develop the attestation required by</u>
- 11 this subsection.
- 12 <u>(d) The Secretary of State may adopt and promulgate rules and</u>
- 13 regulations to carry out this subsection.
- Sec. 12. (1) In order to increase public transparency, the Attorney
- 15 General shall provide information about agents of foreign principals
- 16 registered in Nebraska on a portal of the Attorney General's website. The
- 17 portal shall contain the information about each registrant and each
- 18 registrant's activities within the State of Nebraska.
- 19 (2) The Attorney General may exchange data with government officials
- 20 <u>in other states and the federal government in order to increase the</u>
- 21 <u>transparency</u> and <u>registration</u> compliance of foreign principals from
- 22 <u>adversary nations or foreign terrorist organizations that operate in</u>
- 23 <u>multiple states.</u>
- 24 Sec. 13. (1) In order to ensure compliance with the Foreign
- 25 Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration Act, if the Attorney General
- 26 <u>has reasonable cause to believe that any person has engaged in or is</u>
- 27 engaging in any act or practice in violation of the Foreign Adversary and
- 28 Terrorist Agent Registration Act, the Attorney General shall have the
- 29 power to issue civil investigative demands to persons suspected of being
- 30 agents of foreign principals from adversary nations or foreign terrorist
- 31 <u>organizations</u>.

1 (2) The Attorney General may adopt and promulgate rules and

- 2 <u>regulations to carry out the act.</u>
- 3 Sec. 14. Sections 14 to 21 of this act shall be known and may be
- 4 cited as the Crush Transnational Repression in Nebraska Act.
- 5 **Sec. 15.** The purpose of the Crush Transnational Repression in
- 6 Nebraska Act is to counter the threat and practice of transnational
- 7 repression committed by foreign governments or foreign terrorist
- 8 organizations against the citizens and residents of this state, and to
- 9 counter the threat and practice of foreign government interstate
- 10 <u>harassment through extranational enforcement of foreign government laws</u>
- 11 and directives.
- 12 Sec. 16. For purposes of the Crush Transnational Repression in
- 13 <u>Nebraska Act:</u>
- 14 <u>(1) Agent of a foreign principal means an agent directed or</u>
- 15 controlled by a foreign principal, or the proxies of such agent;
- 16 (2) Foreign adversary means a foreign adversary as determined
- 17 pursuant to 15 C.F.R. 791.4 as such regulation existed on April 1, 2025;
- 18 (3) Foreign political party means any organization or any other
- 19 <u>combination of individuals in a country other than the United States, or</u>
- 20 any unit or branch thereof, having for an aim or purpose, or that is
- 21 <u>engaged in any activity devoted in whole or in part to:</u>
- 22 <u>(a) The establishment, administration, control, or acquisition of</u>
- 23 <u>administration or control, of a government of a foreign country or a</u>
- 24 <u>subdivision thereof; or</u>
- 25 <u>(b) The furtherance or influencing of the political or public</u>
- 26 <u>interests</u>, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or
- 27 <u>a subdivision thereof;</u>
- 28 (4) Foreign principal means:
- 29 (a) The government of a foreign country or any official or
- 30 <u>subdivision of such government;</u>
- 31 (b) A foreign political party or any member or subdivision of such

- 1 party;
- 2 (c) A foreign terrorist organization or any member or subdivision of
- 3 such organization;
- (d) A partnership, association, corporation, organization, or other 4
- 5 combination of persons that is:
- 6 (i) Organized under the laws of, or has its principal place of
- 7 business in, a foreign adversary, or a subsidiary of such entity; or
- 8 (ii) Owned or controlled wholly or in part by any person or
- 9 combination of persons of a foreign adversary or foreign terrorist
- 10 organization; or
- 11 (e) Any entity that is owned or controlled in whole or in part by a
- 12 person or entity described in subdivision (4)(a), (b), (c), or (d) of
- 13 this section;
- 14 (5) Foreign terrorist organization means an organization included on
- 15 the United States Department of State's list of designated foreign
- terrorist organizations pursuant to 8 U.S.C. 1189, as such section 16
- 17 existed on April 1, 2025;
- (6)(a) Government of a foreign country means any person or group of 18
- 19 persons exercising sovereign de facto or de jure political jurisdiction
- 20 over any country, other than the United States, or over any part of such
- 21 country, and includes any subdivision of any such group and any group or
- 22 agency to which such sovereign de facto or de jure authority or functions
- 23 are directly or indirectly delegated.
- 24 (b) Government of a foreign country also includes any faction or
- body of insurgents within a country, other than the United States, 25
- 26 assuming to exercise governmental authority whether such faction or body
- 27 of insurgents has or has not been recognized by the United States; and
- (7) Transnational repression includes actions and behaviors 28
- 29 emanating from or attributable to a foreign principal committed by an
- 30 agent of such foreign principal, acting outside or within the foreign
- 31 principal's territory, with the intention of harassing, intimidating,

1 censoring, or otherwise extending such principal's ability to influence,

- 2 control, or impose such principal's preferences on the behavior of
- 3 individuals outside of the principal's territory or jurisdiction. Such
- 4 <u>actions and behaviors include direct and indirect methods, including</u>
- 5 physical contact, threats, electronic targeting, actual or credible
- 6 threats of collective punishment or harassment of individuals under the
- 7 principal's effective control, financial coercion, abuse of
- 8 <u>administrative processes</u>, <u>selective prosecution of laws of general</u>
- 9 application, or the use or direction of social media and
- 10 <u>telecommunications entities.</u>
- 11 Sec. 17. (1) For purposes of this section:
- 12 <u>(a) Covered offense means:</u>
- (i) Assault in the first degree, section 28-308;
- 14 (ii) Assault in the second degree, section 28-309;
- 15 (iii) Assault in the third degree, section 28-310;
- 16 (iv) Terroristic threats, section 28-311.01;
- 17 <u>(v) Stalking, section 28-311.03;</u>
- 18 (vi) Violation of a harassment protection order, section 28-311.09;
- 19 (vii) False imprisonment in the first degree, section 28-314;
- 20 (viii) False imprisonment in the second degree, section 28-315; and
- 21 (ix) Attempt, conspiracy, solicitation, being an accessory to,
- 22 <u>aiding and abetting, aiding the consummation of, or compounding a felony</u>
- 23 with any of the other offenses in subdivision (1)(a) of this section as
- 24 the underlying offense; and
- 25 (b) Protected conduct means conduct that is lawful under local,
- 26 <u>state</u>, and federal law and consists of:
- 27 (i) The free exercise of religion;
- 28 <u>(ii) Speech, orally or in writing in print or digital form, on a</u>
- 29 <u>matter of public interest or concern;</u>
- 30 (iii) Petitioning any local, state, or federal government entity for
- 31 <u>redress of grievances; or</u>

- 1 <u>(iv) Peaceably assembling.</u>
- 2 (2) Any person who commits a covered offense shall be punished by
- 3 the imposition of the next higher penalty classification than the penalty
- 4 classification prescribed for the covered offense if:
- 5 (a) The person committing the offense is an agent of a foreign
- 6 principal who acts knowingly at the direction of, on behalf of, or under
- 7 the influence of such foreign principal; and
- 8 (b) The person committed the offense with the intent to:
- 9 (i) Coerce another person to act on behalf of a foreign principal;
- 10 <u>(ii) Coerce another person to leave the United States or cause</u>
- 11 <u>another person to leave the United States;</u>
- 12 <u>(iii) Cause another person to forebear from engaging in protected</u>
- 13 conduct; or
- 14 <u>(iv) Retaliate against another person for engaging in protected</u>
- 15 conduct.
- 16 (3) If an offense is punishable as a Class I misdemeanor, the
- 17 <u>enhanced penalty under this section is a Class IV felony.</u>
- 18 (4) The allegations supporting an enhancement under this section
- 19 shall be set forth in the indictment or information, and it shall be the
- 20 <u>burden of the prosecuting attorney to prove such allegations beyond a</u>
- 21 <u>reasonable doubt to the judge or jury in the state's case in chief.</u>
- 22 **Sec. 18.** (1) A person commits an offense if, while acting as the
- 23 agent of a foreign principal, such person:
- 24 (a) Intentionally engages in the prevention, detection,
- 25 investigation, monitoring, surveilling, or prosecution of an offense
- 26 under the law or rule of a government of a foreign country or a foreign
- 27 terrorist organization at the direction of such foreign principal,
- 28 government, or organization; and
- 29 (b) Such person acts without the knowledge and approval of the
- 30 <u>appropriate state or federal law enforcement agency of the United States.</u>
- 31 (2) A violation of this section is a Class IIA felony.

- 1 Sec. 19. The Nebraska State Patrol may prepare or commission an
- 2 empirical and qualitative report on the threat of transnational
- 3 repression in Nebraska and electronically submit such report to the
- 4 Legislature.
- 5 Sec. 20. (1) The Nebraska State Patrol may develop a transnational
- 6 repression recognition and response training. The training may be
- 7 regularly updated to address emerging threats and specific information on
- 8 <u>tactics used by specific foreign principals.</u>
- 9 (2) Such training may include:
- 10 <u>(a) How to identify different tactics of transnational repression in</u>
- 11 physical and nonphysical forms;
- 12 (b) Those foreign principals that are known to employ transnational
- 13 repression, including not only those who use it most frequently, but also
- 14 those who use it most egregiously, including, but not limited to, tools
- 15 <u>of digital surveillance and other Internet-based tools frequently used to</u>
- 16 carry out transnational repression activities;
- 17 <u>(c) Best practices for appropriate local and state law enforcement</u>
- 18 prevention, reporting, and response tactics; and
- 19 <u>(d) Information about communities targeted by transnational</u>
- 20 repression and propaganda that may be perpetuated by foreign principals.
- 21 Sec. 21. (1) The Nebraska State Patrol may develop a centralized
- 22 and convenient website that allows members of the public to report
- 23 <u>instances of transnational repression. The website may include options</u>
- 24 for reporting in languages commonly spoken in Nebraska, including
- 25 particularly languages of communities affected more frequently by
- 26 <u>transnational repression.</u>
- 27 (2) The patrol may conduct a public awareness campaign to inform the
- 28 public:
- 29 <u>(a) How to identify and report instances of transnational</u>
- 30 <u>repression;</u>
- 31 (b) How to use the website created under this section; and

- 1 (c) What tools and remedies are available for victims of
- 2 <u>transnational repression</u>.
- 3 (3) The patrol may electronically submit reports to the Legislature
- 4 concerning complaints received on the website, outcomes of such
- 5 complaints, and any instances of interference by foreign principals in
- 6 <u>the reporting process</u>.
- 7 Sec. 22. Section 49-1480, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 8 amended to read:
- 9 49-1480 (1) Every person employed, retained, or authorized as a
- 10 lobbyist shall, before commencing any lobbying activity:
- 11 (a) File , file an application with the Clerk of the Legislature for
- 12 registration as a lobbyist, and if the clerk is satisfied that the
- 13 application has been properly prepared the registration shall be deemed
- 14 to be complete. The application shall be on a form prescribed by the
- 15 clerk and approved by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council, and
- 16 shall include as a minimum the following:
- 17 (i) The name, permanent residence address, and office address of
- 18 the lobbyist;
- 19 (ii) (2) The name and address of the principal of such lobbyist;
- 20 (iii) (3) The nature of the business of such principal and the
- 21 amounts or sums given or to be given the lobbyist as compensation or
- 22 reimbursement for lobbying. A lobbyist who is salaried or retained by a
- 23 principal need only report that portion of compensation or reimbursement
- 24 reasonably attributable to lobbying;
- 25 (iv) (4) A description of the business activity of the lobbyist;
- 26 $\underline{(v)}$ (5) An identification of the matters on which the principal or
- 27 lobbyist expects to lobby;
- 28 (vi) If the principal is a Chinese military company, an affirmative
- 29 <u>acknowledgment by the lobbyist that such lobbyist is lobbying on behalf</u>
- 30 of, and thereby acting as an agent of, a foreign adversary of the United
- 31 States;

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(vii) (6) If the principal is an industry, trade, or professional 1

2 association, a specific description of the industry, trade, or profession

- 3 represented by the principal and the names and addresses of its officers;
- (viii) (7) If the principal is not an industry, trade, 4
- 5 professional association, a specific description of the interests and
- 6 groups represented by the principal and the names and addresses of its
- 7 officers; and
- 8 (ix) (8) The name and address of any official in the legislative or
- 9 executive branch, and of any members of any such official's staff or
- immediate family, who are employed by the lobbyist or any person acting 10
- 11 on behalf of such lobbyist if such information is known or reasonably
- 12 should have been known to the lobbyist.
- (b) If any such lobbying activity is on behalf of a Chinese military 13
- 14 company, disclose that such Chinese military company is a foreign
- 15 adversary of the United States. For purposes of this subdivision (b),
- lobbying activity includes, but is not limited to, lobbying by means of 16
- telephone, electronic mail, United States mail or other mail delivery 17
- service, in-person meetings, or testimony at legislative hearings. 18
- (2)(a) Every person employed, retained, or authorized as a 19
- 20 consultant for a Chinese military company shall, before commencing any
- 21 influencing activity in Nebraska for such Chinese military company:
- 22 (i) File with the commission, on a form prescribed by the
- 23 commission, information that shall include as a minimum, the following:
- 24 (A) The name, permanent residence address, and office address of the
- 25 consultant;
- 26 (B) The name and address of the Chinese military company represented
- 27 by such consultant;
- (C) A description of the business activity of the consultant; 28
- 29 (D) An identification of the matters on which the consultant expects
- 30 to conduct influencing activity on behalf of such Chinese military
- 31 company;

- 1 (E) An affirmative acknowledgment by the consultant that such
- 2 consultant is influencing on behalf of, and thereby acting as an agent
- 3 of, a foreign adversary of the United States; and
- 4 (F) The name and address of any official in the legislative or
- 5 executive branch, and of any members of any such official's staff or
- immediate family, who are employed by the consultant or any person acting 6
- 7 on behalf of such consultant if such information is known or reasonably
- 8 should have been known to the consultant; and
- 9 (ii) Disclose that such Chinese military company is a foreign
- 10 adversary of the United States.
- (b) For purposes of this subsection, influencing activity includes, 11
- but is not limited to, influencing by means of telephone, electronic 12
- mail, United States mail or other mail delivery service, or in-person 13
- 14 meetings.
- 15 (3) Any person who violates subdivision (1)(a)(vi) or (1)(b) or
- 16 subsection (2) of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty of one
- 17 hundred thousand dollars for each violation. For any subsequent
- violation, the civil penalty shall be increased by one hundred thousand 18
- 19 dollars more than the previously assessed penalty, not to exceed one
- 20 million dollars per violation.
- 21 (4) For purposes of this section, Chinese military company has the
- 22 same meaning as in section 1260H of Public Law 116-283, as such section
- 23 existed on April 1, 2025, and includes any subsidiary of a Chinese
- 24 military company or any company owned or controlled, in whole or in part,
- 25 by a Chinese military company.
- 26 Sec. 23. Section 49-14,126, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 27 amended to read:
- 49-14,126 (1) The commission, upon finding that there has been a 28
- 29 violation of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act or
- 30 any rule or regulation promulgated thereunder, may issue an order
- requiring the violator to do one or more of the following: 31

- 1 (a) (1) Cease and desist from the violation;
- 2 (b) (2) File any report, statement, or other information as
- 3 required;
- (c) (3) Pay a civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars 4
- 5 for each violation of the act, rule, or regulation; or
- 6 (d) (4) Pay the costs of the hearing in a contested case if the
- 7 violator did not appear at the hearing personally or by counsel.
- 8 (2) Upon finding that there has been a violation of subdivision (1)
- 9 (a)(vi) or (1)(b) or subsection (2) of section 49-1480, the commission
- shall issue an order paying any person who provided the commission 10
- 11 information that resulted in the finding of such violation a sum of fifty
- 12 thousand dollars. Such payment shall be contingent upon the commission
- recovering any civil penalty sought under subsection (3) of section 13
- 14 <u>49-1480.</u>
- 15 Sec. 24. Section 49-14,140, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- amended to read: 16
- 17 49-14,140 The Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission Cash
- 18 Fund is hereby created. The fund shall consist of funds received by the
- commission pursuant to sections 49-1449.01, 49-1470, 49-1480.01, 49-1482, 19
- 20 49-14,123, and 49-14,123.01 and subdivision (1)(d) (4) of section
- 21 49-14,126. The fund shall be used by the commission in administering the
- 22 Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act. Any money in the
- 23 Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission Cash Fund available for
- 24 investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to
- Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds 25
- 26 Investment Act. Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund
- 27 at the direction of the Legislature.
- On April 25, 2013, the State Treasurer shall transfer \$630,870 from 28
- 29 the Campaign Finance Limitation Cash Fund to the Nebraska Accountability
- 30 and Disclosure Commission Cash Fund to be used for development,
- implementation, and maintenance of an electronic filing system for 31

- campaign statements and other reports under the Nebraska Political 1
- 2 Accountability and Disclosure Act and for making such statements and
- 3 reports available to the public on the website of the commission. The
- State Treasurer shall transfer the balance of the Campaign Finance 4
- 5 Limitation Cash Fund to the Election Administration Fund on or before
- 6 July 5, 2013, or as soon thereafter as administratively possible.
- 7 Sec. 25. Section 73-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 8 2024, is amended to read:
- 9 73-901 Sections 73-901 to 73-907 <u>and section 29 of this act</u> shall be
- known and may be cited as the Foreign Adversary Contracting Prohibition 10
- 11 Act.
- 12 Sec. 26. Section 73-903, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 2024, is amended to read: 13
- 14 73-903 For purposes of the Foreign Adversary Contracting Prohibition
- 15 Act:
- 16 (1) Company means any sole proprietorship, organization,
- 17 association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited
- partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, or 18
- other entity or business association that exists for the purpose of 19
- making a profit, including all wholly owned subsidiaries, majority owned 20
- 21 subsidiaries, parent companies, or affiliates of any such entity or
- 22 business association;
- 23 (2) Foreign adversary means a foreign adversary as determined
- 24 pursuant to 15 C.F.R. 791.4, as such regulation existed on April 1, 2025
- 25 7.4;
- 26 (3) Owned in whole or in part means:
- 27 (a) For a publicly traded company, any share of ownership that
- entails the ability to direct or influence the operations of the company, 28
- 29 the ability to appoint or discharge any board members, officers, or
- 30 directors, or any other rights beyond those available to a retail
- investor holding an equivalent share of ownership; and 31

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- (b) For a privately held company, any share of ownership; 1
- 2 (4) Public entity means the state or any department, agency,
- 3 commission, or other body of state government, including publicly funded
- institutions of higher education, any political subdivision of the state, 4
- 5 and any other public or private agency, person, partnership, corporation,
- 6 or business entity acting on behalf of any such public entity;
- 7 (5) Scrutinized company means:
- 8 (a) Any company organized under the laws of a foreign adversary or
- 9 having its principal place of business within a foreign adversary, and
- any subsidiary of any such company; 10
- 11 (b) Any company owned in whole or in part or operated by the
- 12 government of a foreign adversary, an entity controlled by the government
- of a foreign adversary, or any subsidiary or parent of any such company; 13
- 14 or
- 15 (c) Any company that sells to a public entity a final technology-
- related product or service that originates with a company described in 16
- subdivision (5)(a) or (b) of this section without incorporating that 17
- product or service into another final product or service; and 18
- (6) Technology-related product or service means a product or service 19
- used for information systems, surveillance, light detection and ranging, 20
- 21 or communications. The term includes unmanned aircraft; and
- 22 (7) Unmanned aircraft means an aircraft, including an aircraft
- 23 commonly known as a drone, which is operated without the possibility of
- 24 <u>direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft.</u>
- Sec. 27. Section 73-905, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 25
- 26 2024, is amended to read:
- 27 73-905 <u>(1) </u>A public entity shall require a company that submits a
- bid or proposal or enters into any contract or contract renewal with any 28
- 29 public entity for any technology-related product or service to certify:
- 30 (a) (1) That the company is not a scrutinized company;
- (b) (2) That the company will not subcontract with any scrutinized 31

- 1 company for any aspect of performance of the contemplated contract; and
- 2 (c) That any products or services to be provided do not
- 3 originate with a scrutinized company.
- 4 (2) This section shall not apply to the contracts described in
- 5 <u>section 29 of this act.</u>
- 6 Sec. 28. Section 73-906, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 7 2024, is amended to read:
- 8 73-906 $\frac{(1)}{(1)}$ No public entity shall enter into any contract or
- 9 contract renewal that would result in any state or local government funds
- 10 being transferred:
- 11 (1) (a) To a scrutinized company in connection with any technology-
- 12 related product or service; or
- 13 (2) (b) To any company in connection with any technology-related
- 14 product or service that originates with a scrutinized company.
- 15 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, a public entity
- 16 may enter into a contract for goods manufactured by a scrutinized company
- 17 if:
- 18 (a)(i) There is no other reasonable option for procuring such good;
- 19 (ii) The contract is preapproved by the Department of Administrative
- 20 Services; and
- 21 (iii) Not procuring such good would pose a greater threat to the
- 22 state than the threat associated with the good itself; or
- 23 (b) The purchasing entity is an electric supplier that is not out of
- 24 compliance with the Critical Infrastructure Protection requirements
- 25 issued by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation.
- Sec. 29. <u>Notwithstanding sections 73-904 and 73-906, a public</u>
- 27 entity may enter into a contract for goods manufactured by a scrutinized
- 28 <u>company if:</u>
- 29 (1)(a) There is no other reasonable option for procuring such goods;
- 30 (b) The contract is preapproved by the Department of Administrative
- 31 <u>Services; and</u>

1 (c) Not procuring such good would pose a greater threat to the state

- 2 than the threat associated with the good itself;
- 3 (2) The purchasing entity is an electric supplier that is not out of
- 4 <u>compliance</u> with the <u>Critical Infrastructure Protection requirements</u>
- 5 <u>issued by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation; or</u>
- 6 (3) The contract involves the procurement of unmanned aircraft and
- 7 such contract is entered into prior to July 1, 2026. A public entity
- 8 shall not use any unmanned aircraft procured pursuant to this subdivision
- 9 on or after July 1, 2028.
- 10 Sec. 30. (1) For purposes of this section:
- 11 (a) Company means any corporation, partnership, association,
- 12 <u>organization</u>, or other combination of persons;
- (b) Foreign adversary means those countries listed in 15 C.F.R.
- 14 <u>791.4</u>, as such regulation existed on April 1, 2025;
- 15 (c) Foreign adversarial company means a company that:
- (i) Is organized under the laws of a foreign adversary;
- 17 (ii) Has its principal place of business within a foreign adversary;
- 18 (iii) Is owned in whole or in part, operated, or controlled by the
- 19 government of a foreign adversary; or
- 20 <u>(iv) Is a subsidiary or parent of any company otherwise described in</u>
- 21 <u>subdivision (1)(c) of this section; and</u>
- 22 (d) Government of a foreign adversary means any person or group of
- 23 persons exercising sovereign de facto or de jure political jurisdiction
- 24 over any foreign adversary, or over any part of such country, and
- 25 includes any subdivision of any such group and any group or agency to
- 26 which such sovereign de facto or de jure authority or functions are
- 27 <u>directly or indirectly delegated. Such term shall include any faction or</u>
- 28 <u>body of insurgents within a country assuming to exercise governmental</u>
- 29 <u>authority whether such faction or body of insurgents has or has not been</u>
- 30 <u>recognized by the United States.</u>
- 31 (2) A foreign adversarial company shall be ineligible to receive any

1 <u>benefits under an incentive program of the State of Nebraska, including</u>

- 2 under:
- 3 (a) The Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act;
- 4 (b) The ImagiNE Nebraska Act;
- 5 (c) The Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act;
- 6 (d) The Nebraska Advantage Research and Development Act;
- 7 (e) The Nebraska Advantage Rural Development Act;
- 8 (f) The Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act;
- 9 (g) The New Markets Job Growth Investment Act;
- 10 (h) The Urban Redevelopment Act; and
- 11 (i) Any other tax or other incentive program created by legislative
- 12 <u>or executive action for the purpose of recruitment or retention of</u>
- 13 <u>businesses in Nebraska.</u>
- Sec. 31. For purposes of sections 31 to 34 of this act:
- 15 <u>(1) Business means any:</u>
- 16 (a) Sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation,
- 17 partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability
- 18 partnership, or limited liability business, including a wholly owned
- 19 <u>subsidiary</u>, <u>majority-owned subsidiary</u>, <u>parent business</u>, <u>or affiliate of</u>
- 20 those entities or business associations that exists to make a profit; and
- 21 (b) Nonprofit organization;
- 22 (2) <u>Domicile means the country where:</u>
- 23 (a) A business is registered and headquartered;
- 24 (b) A business primarily completes its affairs; and
- (c) The majority stake of ownership of a business is located;
- 26 (3) Foreign adversary means any foreign government specified in
- 27 <u>federal code 15 C.F.R. 791.4, as such regulation existed on April 1,</u>
- 28 2025;
- 29 (4) Genetic sequencer means any device or platform used to conduct
- 30 genetic sequencing, resequencing, isolation, or other genetic research;
- 31 (5) Genetic sequencing means any method used to determine the

- 1 <u>identity and order of nucleotide bases in the human genome;</u>
- 2 (6) Human genome means deoxyribonucleic acid or ribonucleic acid
- 3 <u>found in human cells;</u>
- 4 (7) Medical facility means a facility that provides any health
- 5 <u>service and:</u>
- 6 (a) Receives any money from the State of Nebraska or the United
- 7 States Government;
- 8 (b) Is registered with the State of Nebraska to provide any health
- 9 <u>care service;</u> or
- 10 <u>(c) Conducts research or testing on, with, or relating to genetic</u>
- 11 <u>sequencing or the human genome;</u>
- 12 <u>(8) Operational and research software means any computer program</u>
- 13 <u>used for any operation, control, analysis, or other necessary function of</u>
- 14 genetic sequencing or genetic sequencers;
- 15 (9) Research facility means a facility that conducts research on,
- 16 with, or relating to genetic sequencing or the human genome; and
- 17 <u>(10) Software means any program, routine, or set of one or more</u>
- 18 programs or routines that is used or intended for use to cause the
- 19 performance of a task or set of tasks relating to genetic sequencing or
- 20 genetic sequencers by any computer, computer-related peripheral
- 21 <u>equipment</u>, or combination thereof.
- 22 **Sec. 32.** <u>No medical facility or research facility shall use any</u>
- 23 genetic sequencer or operational and research software for genetic
- 24 <u>sequencing if such genetic sequencer or operational and research software</u>
- 25 is produced in or by any:
- 26 <u>(1) Foreign adversary;</u>
- 27 (2) State-owned enterprise of any foreign adversary;
- 28 (3) Business domiciled in any foreign adversary; or
- 29 (4) Subsidiary or affiliate of a business domiciled in any foreign
- 30 <u>adversary.</u>
- 31 Sec. 33. Any medical facility or research facility that is in

- 1 possession of any genetic sequencer or operational and research software
- 2 that is described in section 32 of this act shall:
- 3 (1) Permanently disable such genetic sequencer or operational and
- 4 research software; or
- 5 (2) Remove such genetic sequencer or operational and research
- 6 <u>software from any facility associated with such medical facility or</u>
- 7 research facility.
- 8 Sec. 34. (1) Any genetic sequencing data that is utilized in the
- 9 State of Nebraska shall not be stored within any foreign adversary
- 10 <u>country.</u>
- 11 (2) No person shall remotely access genetic sequencing data that is
- 12 stored in the State of Nebraska from a foreign adversary country.
- Sec. 35. This act becomes operative on October 1, 2025.
- 14 Sec. 36. If any section in this act or any part of any section is
- 15 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect
- 16 the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.
- 17 Sec. 37. Original sections 49-1480, 49-14,126, and 49-14,140,
- 18 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 73-901, 73-903,
- 19 73-905, and 73-906, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are
- 20 repealed.