

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5144

To prohibit officers, employees, and elected officials of the Federal Government from having, establishing, maintaining official accounts on TikTok, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 4, 2023

Mr. JACKSON of Texas (for himself, Mr. BABIN, Mr. NORMAN, and Mr. BRECHEEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Government Off
5 TikTok Act” or the “GOT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AND**
2 **ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE FEDERAL GOV-**
3 **ERNMENT HAVING, ESTABLISHING, MAIN-**
4 **TAINING OFFICIAL ACCOUNTS ON TIK TOK.**

5 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
6 gress that—

7 (1) Tik Tok is a proven national security threat
8 to the United States and allies of the United States;
9 and

10 (2) United States officials should not be posting
11 about official government business because of the
12 threat that the Chinese Communist Party poses.

13 (b) PROHIBITION.—No officer, employee, or elected
14 official of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of
15 the Federal Government may have, establish, obtain, or
16 maintain a “Government, Politician, or Political Party Ac-
17 count” on Tik Tok, or any equivalent account provided
18 by—

19 (1) ByteDance limited; or

20 (2) any entity owned by ByteDance limited.

21 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
22 tion may be construed as affecting any standard or guide-
23 line developed pursuant to division R of the Consolidated
24 Appropriations Act of 2023 (Public Law 117–328).