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To require that a foreign purchaser of agricultural land be subject to the same restrictions as are applicable to United States citizens and nationals in the home country of such foreign purchaser.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GILL of Texas (for himself, Mr. BRECHEEN, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Ms. GREENE of Georgia, and Mr. STUTZMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

To require that a foreign purchaser of agricultural land be subject to the same restrictions as are applicable to United States citizens and nationals in the home country of such foreign purchaser.

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 “Land And National
5 Defense Act” or the “LAND Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN PURCHASERS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a sale of agricul-
3 tural land, a foreign purchaser of such land shall be sub-
4 ject to—

5 (1) the same restrictions and limitations as a
6 United States citizen or national would be subject to
7 with respect to the purchase of agricultural land in
8 the home country of such purchaser; and

9 (2) any restrictions and limitations under State
10 law that apply with respect to the purchase of agri-
11 cultural land in the State involved.

12 (b) DETERMINATION OF HOME COUNTRIES OF FOR-
13 EIGN PURCHASERS.—

14 (1) UNITED STATES CITIZENS.—

15 (A) DUAL CITIZEN.—For purposes of ap-
16 plying subsection (a), in the case of a foreign
17 purchaser who is a citizen of the United States
18 and 1 other country, the other country shall be
19 treated as the home country of such purchaser.

20 (B) MULTIPLE CITIZENSHIP.—For pur-
21 poses of applying subsection (a), in the case of
22 a foreign purchaser who is a citizen of the
23 United States and more than 1 other country,
24 the other country (other than the United
25 States) with the most restrictive laws with re-
26 spect to the purchasing of agricultural land, as

1 determined by the Task Force, shall be treated
2 as the home country of such purchaser.

3 (2) NON-UNITED STATES CITIZENS.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of apply-
5 ing subsection (a), in the case of a foreign pur-
6 chaser who is a not a United States citizen and
7 is a citizen of 1 country, the country in which
8 such purchaser is a citizen shall be treated as
9 the home country of such purchaser.

10 (B) MULTIPLE CITIZENSHIP.—For pur-
11 poses of applying subsection (a), in the case of
12 a foreign purchaser who is a not a United
13 States citizen and is a citizen of more than 1
14 country, the country with the most restrictive
15 laws with respect to the purchasing of agricul-
16 tural land, as determined by the Task Force,
17 shall be treated as the home country of such
18 purchaser.

19 (3) COMPANIES.—For purposes of applying
20 subsection (a), in the case of a foreign purchaser
21 that is a company, the country with the most restric-
22 tive laws with respect to the purchasing of agricul-
23 tural land, as determined by the Task Force, and of
24 which the citizens of such country hold at least 5

1 percent of such company shall be treated as the
2 home country of such purchaser.

3 (4) FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.—For purposes of
4 applying subsection (a), in the case of a foreign pur-
5 chaser that is a foreign government, the country
6 such government represents shall be treated as the
7 home country of such purchaser.

8 (c) NOTIFICATION.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a sale of agri-
10 cultural land to a foreign purchaser, the seller of
11 such agricultural land shall report such sale to the
12 Secretary of Agriculture.

13 (2) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—With re-
14 spect to each notification of a sale of agricultural
15 land to a foreign purchaser under paragraph (1), the
16 Secretary of Agriculture shall notify—

17 (A) the members of the Senate from the
18 State in which the agricultural land is located;
19 and

20 (B) the member from the Congressional
21 District in which such agricultural land is lo-
22 cated.

23 (d) TASK FORCE.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is established a Task
2 Force (to be known as “U.S. Land Protection Task
3 Force”) to identify violations of subsection (a).

4 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Task Force shall be
5 composed of the following:

6 (A) The Secretary of Agriculture, who
7 shall serve as Chair of the Task Force.

8 (B) The Committee on Foreign Investment
9 in the United States.

10 (C) The National Security Division of the
11 Department of Justice.

12 (D) The Secretary of State.

13 (3) REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after the
14 date of the enactment of this Act and every 6
15 months thereafter, the Task Force shall submit to
16 Congress a report that includes with respect to the
17 6-month period preceding the report—

18 (A) the percentage of agricultural land
19 (disaggregated by land type) that was sold to
20 foreign purchasers;

21 (B) the States in which such land was
22 sold;

23 (C) the average purchase cost of such land;

1 (D) with respect to each such purchase of
2 agricultural land, the title history with respect
3 to the agricultural land purchased; and

4 (E) whether any of the purchased agricul-
5 tural land is located within 100 miles of a mili-
6 tary installation.

7 (e) SEVERABILITY.—If any provision of this Act (or
8 the application of that provision to particular persons or
9 circumstances) is held invalid or found to be unconstitu-
10 tional, the remainder of this Act (or the application of that
11 provision to other persons or circumstances) shall not be
12 affected.

13 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) AGRICULTURAL LAND.—The term “agricul-
15 tural land” has the meaning given the term in sec-
16 tion 9 of the Agricultural Foreign Investment Dis-
17 closure Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 3508).

18 (2) FOREIGN PURCHASER.—The term “foreign
19 purchaser” means—

20 (A) a foreign person (as defined in section
21 9 of the Agricultural Foreign Investment Dis-
22 closure Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 3508)); and

23 (B) a United States citizen who is a citizen
24 of another country.

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