**South Carolina General Assembly**

125th Session, 2023-2024

**H. 3566**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

General Bill

Sponsors: Reps. Haddon, Beach, Burns, Chumley, B.J. Cox, Cromer, Harris, S. Jones, Kilmartin, Long, Magnuson, May, McCabe, A.M. Morgan, T.A. Morgan, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Trantham, White, Leber, Hixon, Landing, Gilliam and Vaughan

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Summary: Foreign ownership of real estate

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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12/15/2022 House Referred to Committee on **Labor, Commerce and Industry**

1/10/2023 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 212](h:\hj\20230110.docx))

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2/1/2023 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hixon,
Landing

2/8/2023 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Gilliam

3/2/2023 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Vaughan

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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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A bill

to amend the South Carolina Code of Laws by adding Section 27-1-80 so as to PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN COMPANIES OWNED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA OR THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY MAY NOT OWN, LEASE, POSSESS, OR EXERCISE ANY CONTROL OVER MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED ACRES OF REAL ESTATE IN THIS STATE.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 27 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 27-1-80. (A) Any 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 may not own, lease, possess, or exercise any control over more than one hundred acres of real estate in this State.

(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.

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

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