

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2024 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

House Bill 5353

By Delegate Thorne

[Introduced January 30, 2024; Referred to the
Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
then the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §19-1-14, relating to prohibiting foreign adversaries from the purchase or
 3 ownership of agricultural land in this state.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

§19-1-14. Prohibition on purchase of land by certain foreign adversaries.

1 As consistent with 15 CFR 7.4, those groups deemed to be foreign adversaries shall be
 2 prohibited from the purchase or ownership of agricultural lands in this state.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit foreign adversaries from the purchase or ownership of agricultural land in this state.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.