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H.B. No. 2206

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a prohibition of certain social media platforms developed or provided by certain foreign entities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 120, Business & Commerce Code, is amended by adding Subchapter C-1 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER C-1. PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

Sec. 120.121. SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM DEVELOPED OR PROVIDED

BY CERTAIN FOREIGN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES PROHIBITED.

Notwithstanding any other law, a social media platform may not operate in this state if the platform is developed or provided by:

(1) a governmental entity of China, Iran, North Korea, or Russia;

(2) a company or other entity that is:

(A) headquartered in China, Iran, North Korea, or Russia;

(B) directly or indirectly held or controlled by the government of China, Iran, North Korea, or Russia; or

(C) owned by or the majority of stock or other ownership interest of which is held or controlled by individuals who are citizens of China, Iran, North Korea, or Russia;

(3) a company or other entity that is owned by or the majority of stock or other ownership interest of which is held or controlled by a company or entity described by Subdivision (2); or

1 (4) an individual who is a citizen of China, Iran,
2 North Korea, or Russia.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.