
DIGEST

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HB 125 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Provides for the manner of collection, storage, and access of human genomic information to protect from unauthorized access by foreign adversaries.

Proposed law provides for definitions.

Proposed law identifies foreign adversaries as the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and the Russian Federation.

Proposed law prohibits a medical or research facility from putting into service any new or additional human genetic sequencers or software produced by foreign adversaries.

Proposed law prohibits medical facilities, human genomic research facilities, and companies from storing human genetic sequencing data in a foreign adversary country and to limit remote access inside of a foreign adversary country.

Proposed law provides that an entity that violates the requirements of proposed law is to be fined \$10,000 as set by the attorney general.

Proposed law states that the attorney general has the sole authority to investigate allegations of violations of proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 51:3181-3185)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill:

1. Clarify that proposed law applies to the genetic and genomic information of humans.
2. Clarify the definition of "company".
3. Define "foreign adversary company".
4. Provide that a medical facility or a research facility shall not put into service any new or additional human genetic sequencers or operational and research software used for human genetic analysis produced by the government of a foreign adversary, a state-

- owned company of a foreign adversary, or a foreign adversary company.
5. Provide sole enforcement authority to the attorney general.
 6. Remove annual certification of compliance requirement.
 7. Give the provisions of proposed law (R.S. 51:3183(A)) prospective application only upon signature of the governor.
 8. Make technical changes.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Remove requirement that medical facilities, human genomic research facilities, and companies ensure security of human genetic sequencing data, including through contracts with third-party data storage companies.
3. Clarify that the \$10,000 fine is set by the attorney general.