
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the manner of collection, storage, and access of 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 medical and research facilities from sequencing genetic data with equipment and software produced by companies owned, located in, or registered with certain foreign adversaries.

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

Proposed law tasks medical facilities, genomic research facilities, and companies with ensuring that reasonable and proper cybersecurity measures are implemented to protect genetic sequencing data.

Proposed law requires entities charged with protecting genomic information by proposed law to certify to the attorney general compliance with proposed law.

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

Proposed law provides that an individual whose genomic information was collected or stored in violation of proposed law is entitled to statutory damages of not less than \$5,000 per each unique use of his genomic information from the entity that violated proposed law.

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

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