

HOUSE BILL NO. 4275

March 20, 2025, Introduced by Rep. Kunse and referred to Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to prohibit the ownership of mineral rights by certain foreign entities and to provide for penalties.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act may be cited as the "mineral rights
2 protection act."

3 Sec. 3. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Disqualified person" means any of the following:

5 (i) A foreign entity of concern.

6 (ii) An entity created or organized in or controlled by 1 or

1 more countries that are foreign entities of concern.

2 (iii) An entity controlled by 1 or more disqualified persons
3 under subparagraph (ii).

4 (iv) A citizen of a country that is a foreign entity of
5 concern.

6 (b) "Foreign entity of concern" means that term as defined in
7 42 USC 18741.

8 (c) "Mineral rights" means the ownership rights related to the
9 extraction minerals.

10 (d) "Minerals" means subsurface oil, gas, coal, or other
11 nonmetallic, or metallic, minerals.

12 Sec. 5. A disqualified entity shall not acquire directly or
13 indirectly, any mineral rights within this state after the
14 effective date of this act.

15 Sec. 7. (1) A person who violates this act is guilty of a
16 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000,000.00.

17 (2) Mineral rights acquired in violation of this act are
18 subject to seizure and forfeiture in the manner provided in chapter
19 47 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 306, MCL 600.4701
20 to 600.4710.

21 (3) A violation of this act may be prosecuted by the attorney
22 general.

23 Enacting section 1. This act takes effect 90 days after the
24 date it is enacted into law.

25 Enacting section 2. This act does not take effect unless House
26 Bill No. 4274 (request no. H02055'25 a) of the 103rd Legislature is
27 enacted into law.