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A bill to be entitled

amending s. 692.201, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "foreign principal"; amending s. 692.203, F.S.; revising conditions under which a foreign principal may purchase certain real property in the state; repealing s. 692.204, F.S., relating to the prohibition of the purchase or acquisition of real property by the People's Republic of China; providing an effective date.

An act relating to conveyances to foreign entities;

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (4) of section 692.201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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692.201 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

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(4) "Foreign principal" means:

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(c) A partnership, association, corporation, organization, or other combination of persons organized under the laws of or having its principal place of business in a foreign country of concern, or a subsidiary of such entity; or

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(d) Any person who is domiciled in a foreign country of concern and is not a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States. A person is not considered to be domiciled in a foreign country of concern if he or she has resided in the

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	United	States	for	at	least	183	days;	or
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Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 692.203, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 692.203 Purchase of real property on or around military installations or critical infrastructure facilities by foreign principals prohibited.—
- (4) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a foreign principal who is a natural person may purchase one residential real property that is up to 2 acres in size if all of the following apply:
- (a) The parcel is not on or within 5 miles of any military installation in this state.
- (b) The person has a current verified United States Visa that is not limited to authorizing tourist-based travel or official documentation confirming that the person has been granted asylum in the United States, and such visa or documentation authorizes the person to be legally present within this state.
- (b)(c) The purchase is in the name of <u>a</u> the person who <u>has</u> resided in the United States for at least 183 days holds the visa or official documentation described in paragraph (b).
 - Section 3. <u>Section 692.204</u>, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
 - Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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