

Candice B. Pierucci proposes the following substitute bill:

**Security and Land Restriction Amendments**

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STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions relating to security.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- defines terms;
- requires that a food delivery company mark military land as a food delivery dead zone;
- authorizes delivery drivers and staff on military land to report a violation of a food delivery dead zone;
- authorizes the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs to enforce a food delivery dead zone;
- requires that a county recorder make a form available for an individual to disclose the individual's connection to a ~~restricted~~ restricted foreign entity;
- requires that a county recorder send a form upon which an individual ~~has~~ shall disclose the individual's connection to a restricted foreign entity to the Department of Public Safety;
- and
- creates a criminal offense for:
  - a person purchasing ~~or leasing~~ land on behalf of a restricted foreign entity; and
  - an individual who fails to disclose to a county recorder the individual's connection to a restricted foreign entity.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

28 AMENDS:

29 **63L-13-201**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 504

30 **71A-1-201**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 44 and last amended by  
31 Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 154

32 ENACTS:

33 **13-75-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

34 **13-75-201**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

35 **63L-13-204**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



37 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

38 Section 5. Section **13-75-101** is enacted to read:

39 **CHAPTER 75. FOOD DELIVERY ACT**

40 **Part 1. Definitions**

41 **13-75-101 . Definitions.**

42 As used in this chapter:

- 43 (1) "Delivery driver" means an individual working for a food delivery service.
- 44 (2) "Department" means the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs established in  
45 Section 71A-1-201.
- 46 (3) "Food delivery company" means an entity that operates a food delivery service.
- 47 (4) "Food delivery dead zone" means a defined geographic area in which a food delivery  
48 service may not:
  - 49 (a) permit the delivery or pickup of food; or
  - 50 (b) allow an individual delivering food on behalf of the food delivery service to enter.
- 51 (5) "Food delivery service" means a service that:
  - 52 (a) facilitates the delivery of food from a restaurant or other food establishment to a  
53 consumer; and
  - 54 (b) conducts operations online or through a mobile application.
- 55 (6) "Military land" means the same as that term is defined in Section 10-9a-537.

56 Section 21. Section **13-75-201** is enacted to read:

57 **Part 2. ~~Ĥ~~→ [Food-delivery-dead-zone.] Food Delivery Dead Zone ←Ĥ**

58 **13-75-201 . Department to enforce food delivery dead zone.**

- 59 (1) A food delivery company shall ensure that the physical boundaries of military land are  
60 marked as a food delivery dead zone.

- 61 (2) A delivery driver may report to the department a food delivery company's failure to  
62 mark the physical boundaries of military land as a food delivery dead zone.
- 63 (3) Staff employed on military land may report to the department any deliveries made by a  
64 delivery driver.
- 65 (4) The department shall:
- 66 (a) create a process by which a delivery driver or staff employed on military land may  
67 make a report described in Subsection (2);
- 68 (b) upon receiving a report described in Subsection (2), investigate whether the food  
69 delivery company has marked the physical boundaries of military land as a food  
70 delivery dead zone; and
- 71 (c) if the investigation demonstrates that a food delivery company has not marked the  
72 physical boundaries of military land as a food delivery dead zone, the department  
73 shall impose a fine on the food delivery company of \$1,000.

74 Section 25. Section **63L-13-201** is amended to read:

75 **63L-13-201 . Acquisition of land prohibited -- Exceptions -- Enforcement.**

- 76 (1) As used in this section, "department" means the Department of Public Safety created  
77 under Section 53-1-103.
- 78 (2) Subject to Subsection (3) and Section 63L-13-202, a restricted foreign entity may not  
79 acquire an interest in land in this state.
- 80 (3) A restricted foreign entity that, in violation of Subsection (2), obtains an interest in land  
81 shall alienate the interest in accordance with Section 63L-13-202.
- 82 (4) The department shall:
- 83 (a) maintain a publicly available list of restricted foreign entities;
- 84 (b) create a process by which a county recorder may report a land conveyance the county  
85 recorder suspects is prohibited under this section;
- 86 (c) provide an annual notice to each county recorder in the state that includes:
- 87 (i) instruction on how to identify a restricted foreign entity;
- 88 (ii) the process by which a county recorder may report to the department a land  
89 conveyance the county recorder suspects is prohibited under this section; and
- 90 (iii) any additional information the department deems necessary;
- 91 (d) investigate the validity of each land conveyance a county recorder reports under this  
92 section;
- 93 (e) when, after investigation, the department determines that a land conveyance violates  
94 this section:

- 95 (i) give notice to the restricted foreign entity that:
- 96 (A) the land conveyance violates this section; and
- 97 (B) Section 63L-13-202 requires the restricted foreign entity to alienate the
- 98 restricted foreign entity's interest in the land within one year or the Division of
- 99 Facilities Construction and Management will sell the interest in accordance
- 100 with Subsection 63L-13-202(3); and
- 101 (ii) notify the county recorder of the county in which the land is located of the land
- 102 conveyance; and
- 103 (f) coordinate with the Division of Facilities Construction and Management to facilitate
- 104 a sale of the interest in land as described in Section 63L-13-202.
- 105 (5) A county recorder:
- 106 (a) is not liable for a conveyance to a restricted foreign entity; ~~and~~
- 107 (b) shall, upon notice from the department under Subsection (4)(e)(ii), create a public
- 108 record of each violation of this section ~~;~~ ;
- 109 (c) shall make available a form on which an individual purchasing an interest in land
- 110 may disclose that the individual served in the military of a restricted foreign entity;
- 111 and
- 112 (d) shall send a form on which an individual makes a disclosure as described in
- 113 Subsection (5)(c) to the department.

114 Section 8. Section **63L-13-204** is enacted to read:

- 115 **63L-13-204 . Purchase of interest of land ~~hat~~ or lease of an interest in land ~~hat~~ on behalf**
- 115a **of restricted foreign entity**
- 116 **prohibited -- Disclosure required.**
- 117 (1) A person may not purchase an interest in land ~~hat~~ or lease an interest in land ~~hat~~
- 117a on behalf of a restricted foreign entity.
- 118 (2) A person violates Subsection (1) if the person knowingly purchases an interest in land ~~hat~~
- 118a **or leases an interest in land ~~hat~~ :**
- 119 (a) using funds provided by a restricted foreign entity; or
- 120 (b) under the direction of a restricted foreign entity.
- 121 (3) An individual purchasing an interest in land shall disclose if the individual served in the
- 122 military of a restricted foreign entity.
- 123 (4) An individual violates Subsection (3) if the individual fails to disclose to the county
- 124 recorder of the county in which the interest in land is located, on a form described in
- 125 Subsection 63L-13-201(5), that the individual served in the military of ~~hat~~ a ~~hat~~

125a restricted foreign  
126 entity.

127 (5) A person that violates Subsection (1) is guilty of a third ~~°~~ [-] \_ ←°  
127a degree felony.

128 (6) An individual who violates Subsection (3) is guilty of a third ~~°~~ [-] \_ ←°  
128a degree felony.

129 Section 19. Section **71A-1-201** is amended to read:

130 **71A-1-201 . Department of Veterans and Military Affairs -- Creation --**

131 **Appointment of executive director -- Department responsibilities.**

132 (1) There is created the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs.

133 (2) The governor shall appoint an executive director for the department who is subject to  
134 Senate confirmation.

135 (3) The executive director shall be a veteran.

136 (4) The department shall:

137 (a) conduct and supervise all veteran and military affairs activities as provided in this  
138 title;

139 (b) adopt rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative  
140 Rulemaking Act, to carry out the provisions of this title;

141 (c) in accordance with Section 41-1a-418:

142 (i) determine which campaign or combat theater awards are eligible for a special  
143 group license plate;

144 (ii) verify that an applicant for a campaign or combat theater award special group  
145 license plate is qualified to receive it; and

146 (iii) provide an applicant that qualifies a form indicating the campaign or combat  
147 theater award special group license plate for which the applicant qualifies;

148 (d) maintain liaison with local, state, and federal veterans agencies and with Utah  
149 veterans organizations;

150 (e) provide current information to veterans, service members, their surviving spouses  
151 and family members, and Utah veterans and military organizations on benefits they  
152 are entitled to;

153 (f) assist veterans, service members, and their families in applying for benefits and  
154 services;

155 (g) cooperate with other state entities in the receipt of information to create and maintain  
156 a record of veterans in Utah;

- 157 (h) create and administer a veterans assistance registry in accordance with Chapter 5,  
158 Veterans Assistance Registry, with recommendations from the council, that provides  
159 contact information to the qualified donors of materials and labor for certain qualified  
160 recipients;
- 161 (i) identify military-related issues, challenges, and opportunities, and develop plans for  
162 addressing them;
- 163 (j) develop, coordinate, and maintain relationships with military leaders of Utah military  
164 installations, including the Utah National Guard;
- 165 (k) develop and maintain relationships with military-related organizations in Utah;[-and]
- 166 (l) consult with municipalities and counties regarding compatible use plans as described  
167 in Sections 10-9a-537 and 17-27a-533[-]; and
- 168 (m) enforce a food delivery dead zone as described in Section 13-75-201.
- 169 (5)(a) The department may award grants for the purpose of supporting veteran and  
170 military outreach, employment, education, healthcare, homelessness prevention, and  
171 recognition events.
- 172 (b) The department may award a grant described in Subsection (5)(a) to:
- 173 (i) an institution of higher education listed in Section 53B-1-102;
- 174 (ii) a nonprofit organization involved in veterans or military-related activities; or
- 175 (iii) a political subdivision of the state.
- 176 (c) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the  
177 department shall make rules for the administration of grants, including establishing:
- 178 (i) the form and process for submitting an application to the department;
- 179 (ii) the method and criteria for selecting a grant recipient;
- 180 (iii) the method and formula for determining a grant amount; and
- 181 (iv) the reporting requirements of a grant recipient.
- 182 (6) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the  
183 department may make rules related to:
- 184 (a) the consultation with municipalities and counties regarding compatible use plans as  
185 required in Subsection (4)(l); and
- 186 (b) criteria to evaluate whether a proposed land use is compatible with military  
187 operations.
- 188 (7) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as altering or preempting any provisions of  
189 Title 39A, National Guard and Militia Act, as specifically related to the Utah National  
190 Guard.

191 Section 27. **Effective Date.**

192 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.