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**Enrolled Act No.:** SEA No. 0058

Chapter No.: 72

**Prime Sponsor:** Nethercott

Catch Title: Homeland defense-infrastructure reporting and investigating.

**Has Report:** No

**Subject:** Providing requirements for critical infrastructure zones and conveyances.

## **Summary/Major Elements:**

- This act requires the Governor (in consultation with the Director of the Office of Homeland Security) to designate properties or areas as critical infrastructure zones, which are properties or areas containing property, systems or assets that are so vital that their degradation or destruction would have a debilitating impact on national security.
- The Homeland Security Director (in consultation with the Governor) may remove any critical infrastructure zone designation. At least once annually, the Director (in consultation with the Governor) must review all designations to determine whether any zones should be amended or removed, and the Director must provide a current list of designated zones to each county clerk.
- Under this act, each county clerk must report each conveyance that involves any property within a critical infrastructure zone, or within five (5) miles of a zone, to the Director and the Division of Criminal Investigation within fifteen (15) days after the conveyance.
- Upon receiving a report from a county clerk, the Director and the Division must, upon reasonable suspicion, investigate the conveyance to determine if the conveyance poses a threat to national security or if the conveyance involves a designated country or person (a foreign government or person determined to be a foreign adversary by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, or a country designated as a state sponsor of terrorism under federal law).
- The act authorizes the Attorney General (AG), the Director and the Division to take any action necessary to determine the identity of any party to a conveyance that is reported under this act.
- The act authorizes the AG or the Division to subpoena witnesses, compel attendance of witnesses and require the production of records to determine the identity of a party to a

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reported conveyance, whether a reported conveyance threatens national security and if the conveyance involves a designated country or person. The Act also authorizes the AG to subpoena witnesses and evidence to investigate incidents of domestic terrorism and homeland-security disasters.

- The act requires the Director to promulgate any rules necessary to implement this act.
- The act appropriates funds to provide to the county clerks to implement this act.
- The act applies to all conveyances executed on and after July 1, 2024.

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