

1 AN ACT relating to taxation.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 139.480 is amended to read as follows:

4 Any other provision of this chapter to the contrary notwithstanding, the terms "sale at  
5 retail," "retail sale," "use," "storage," and "consumption," as used in this chapter, shall not  
6 include the sale, use, storage, or other consumption of:

- 7 (1) Locomotives or rolling stock, including materials for the construction, repair, or  
8 modification thereof, or fuel or supplies for the direct operation of locomotives and  
9 trains, used or to be used in interstate commerce;
- 10 (2) Coal for the manufacture of electricity;
- 11 (3) All energy or energy-producing fuels used in the course of manufacturing,  
12 processing, mining, or refining and any related distribution, transmission, and  
13 transportation services for this energy that are billed to the user, to the extent that  
14 the cost of the energy or energy-producing fuels used, and related distribution,  
15 transmission, and transportation services for this energy that are billed to the user  
16 exceed three percent (3%) of the cost of production. Cost of production shall be  
17 computed on the basis of plant facilities which shall mean all permanent structures  
18 affixed to real property at one (1) location;
- 19 (4) Livestock of a kind the products of which ordinarily constitute food for human  
20 consumption, provided the sales are made for breeding or dairy purposes and by or  
21 to a person regularly engaged in the business of farming;
- 22 (5) Poultry for use in breeding or egg production;
- 23 (6) Farm work stock for use in farming operations;
- 24 (7) Seeds, the products of which ordinarily constitute food for human consumption or  
25 are to be sold in the regular course of business, and commercial fertilizer to be  
26 applied on land, the products from which are to be used for food for human  
27 consumption or are to be sold in the regular course of business; provided such sales

- 1 are made to farmers who are regularly engaged in the occupation of tilling and  
2 cultivating the soil for the production of crops as a business, or who are regularly  
3 engaged in the occupation of raising and feeding livestock or poultry or producing  
4 milk for sale; and provided further that tangible personal property so sold is to be  
5 used only by those persons designated above who are so purchasing;
- 6 (8) Insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, rodenticides, and other farm chemicals to be  
7 used in the production of crops as a business, or in the raising and feeding of  
8 livestock or poultry, the products of which ordinarily constitute food for human  
9 consumption;
- 10 (9) Feed, including pre-mixes and feed additives, for livestock or poultry of a kind the  
11 products of which ordinarily constitute food for human consumption;
- 12 (10) Machinery for new and expanded industry;
- 13 (11) Farm machinery. As used in this section, the term "farm machinery":
- 14 (a) Means machinery used exclusively and directly in the occupation of:
- 15 1. Tilling the soil for the production of crops as a business;
- 16 2. Raising and feeding livestock or poultry for sale; or
- 17 3. Producing milk for sale;
- 18 (b) Includes machinery, attachments, and replacements therefor, repair parts, and  
19 replacement parts which are used or manufactured for use on, or in the  
20 operation of farm machinery and which are necessary to the operation of the  
21 machinery, and are customarily so used, including but not limited to combine  
22 header wagons, combine header trailers, or any other implements specifically  
23 designed and used to move or transport a combine head; and
- 24 (c) Does not include:
- 25 1. Automobiles;
- 26 2. Trucks;
- 27 3. Trailers, except combine header trailers; or

- 1           4.   Truck-trailer combinations;
- 2   (12) Property which has been certified as a pollution control facility as defined in KRS  
3       224.1-300, and all materials, supplies, and repair and replacement parts purchased  
4       for use in the operation or maintenance of the facilities used specifically in the steel-  
5       making process. The exemption provided in this subsection for materials, supplies,  
6       and repair and replacement parts purchased for use in the operation of pollution  
7       control facilities shall be effective for sales made through June 30, 1994;
- 8   (13) Tombstones and other memorial grave markers;
- 9   (14) On-farm facilities used exclusively for grain or soybean storing, drying, processing,  
10       or handling. The exemption applies to the equipment, machinery, attachments,  
11       repair and replacement parts, and any materials incorporated into the construction,  
12       renovation, or repair of the facilities;
- 13   (15) On-farm facilities used exclusively for raising poultry or livestock. The exemption  
14       shall apply to the equipment, machinery, attachments, repair and replacement parts,  
15       and any materials incorporated into the construction, renovation, or repair of the  
16       facilities. The exemption shall apply but not be limited to vent board equipment,  
17       waterer and feeding systems, brooding systems, ventilation systems, alarm systems,  
18       and curtain systems. In addition, the exemption shall apply whether or not the seller  
19       is under contract to deliver, assemble, and incorporate into real estate the  
20       equipment, machinery, attachments, repair and replacement parts, and any materials  
21       incorporated into the construction, renovation, or repair of the facilities;
- 22   (16) Gasoline, special fuels, liquefied petroleum gas, and natural gas used exclusively  
23       and directly to:
- 24       (a) Operate farm machinery as defined in subsection (11) of this section;
- 25       (b) Operate on-farm grain or soybean drying facilities as defined in subsection  
26           (14) of this section;
- 27       (c) Operate on-farm poultry or livestock facilities defined in subsection (15) of

- 1           this section;
- 2           (d) Operate on-farm ratite facilities defined in subsection (24) of this section;
- 3           (e) Operate on-farm llama or alpaca facilities as defined in subsection (26) of this
- 4           section; or
- 5           (f) Operate on-farm dairy facilities;
- 6 (17) Textbooks, including related workbooks and other course materials, purchased for
- 7 use in a course of study conducted by an institution which qualifies as a nonprofit
- 8 educational institution under KRS 139.495. The term "course materials" means only
- 9 those items specifically required of all students for a particular course but shall not
- 10 include notebooks, paper, pencils, calculators, tape recorders, or similar student
- 11 aids;
- 12 (18) Any property which has been certified as an alcohol production facility as defined in
- 13 KRS 247.910;
- 14 (19) Aircraft, repair and replacement parts therefor, and supplies, except fuel, for the
- 15 direct operation of aircraft in interstate commerce and used exclusively for the
- 16 conveyance of property or passengers for hire. Nominal intrastate use shall not
- 17 subject the property to the taxes imposed by this chapter;
- 18 (20) Any property which has been certified as a fluidized bed energy production facility
- 19 as defined in KRS 211.390;
- 20 (21) (a) 1. Any property to be incorporated into the construction, rebuilding,
- 21 modification, or expansion of a blast furnace or any of its components or
- 22 appurtenant equipment or structures as part of an approved supplemental
- 23 project, as defined by KRS 154.26-010; and
- 24 2. Materials, supplies, and repair or replacement parts purchased for use in
- 25 the operation and maintenance of a blast furnace and related carbon
- 26 steel-making operations as part of an approved supplemental project, as
- 27 defined by KRS 154.26-010.

- 1 (b) The exemptions provided in this subsection shall be effective for sales made:
- 2 1. On and after July 1, 2018; and
- 3 2. During the term of a supplemental project agreement entered into
- 4 pursuant to KRS 154.26-090;
- 5 (22) Beginning on October 1, 1986, food or food products purchased for human
- 6 consumption with food coupons issued by the United States Department of
- 7 Agriculture pursuant to the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, and required to
- 8 be exempted by the Food Security Act of 1985 in order for the Commonwealth to
- 9 continue participation in the federal food stamp program;
- 10 (23) Machinery or equipment purchased or leased by a business, industry, or
- 11 organization in order to collect, source separate, compress, bale, shred, or otherwise
- 12 handle waste materials if the machinery or equipment is primarily used for recycling
- 13 purposes;
- 14 (24) Ratite birds and eggs to be used in an agricultural pursuit for the breeding and
- 15 production of ratite birds, feathers, hides, breeding stock, eggs, meat, and ratite by-
- 16 products, and the following items used in this agricultural pursuit:
- 17 (a) Feed and feed additives;
- 18 (b) Insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, rodenticides, and other farm chemicals;
- 19 (c) On-farm facilities, including equipment, machinery, attachments, repair and
- 20 replacement parts, and any materials incorporated into the construction,
- 21 renovation, or repair of the facilities. The exemption shall apply to incubation
- 22 systems, egg processing equipment, waterer and feeding systems, brooding
- 23 systems, ventilation systems, alarm systems, and curtain systems. In addition,
- 24 the exemption shall apply whether or not the seller is under contract to deliver,
- 25 assemble, and incorporate into real estate the equipment, machinery,
- 26 attachments, repair and replacement parts, and any materials incorporated into
- 27 the construction, renovation, or repair of the facilities;

- 1 (25) Embryos and semen that are used in the reproduction of livestock, if the products of  
2 these embryos and semen ordinarily constitute food for human consumption, and if  
3 the sale is made to a person engaged in the business of farming;
- 4 (26) Llamas and alpacas to be used as beasts of burden or in an agricultural pursuit for  
5 the breeding and production of hides, breeding stock, fiber and wool products, meat,  
6 and llama and alpaca by-products, and the following items used in this pursuit:
- 7 (a) Feed and feed additives;
- 8 (b) Insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, rodenticides, and other farm chemicals;
- 9 and
- 10 (c) On-farm facilities, including equipment, machinery, attachments, repair and  
11 replacement parts, and any materials incorporated into the construction,  
12 renovation, or repair of the facilities. The exemption shall apply to waterer  
13 and feeding systems, ventilation systems, and alarm systems. In addition, the  
14 exemption shall apply whether or not the seller is under contract to deliver,  
15 assemble, and incorporate into real estate the equipment, machinery,  
16 attachments, repair and replacement parts, and any materials incorporated into  
17 the construction, renovation, or repair of the facilities;
- 18 (27) Baling twine and baling wire for the baling of hay and straw;
- 19 (28) Water sold to a person regularly engaged in the business of farming and used in the:
- 20 (a) Production of crops;
- 21 (b) Production of milk for sale; or
- 22 (c) Raising and feeding of:
- 23 1. Livestock or poultry, the products of which ordinarily constitute food for  
24 human consumption; or
- 25 2. Ratites, llamas, alpacas, buffalo, cervids or aquatic organisms;
- 26 (29) Buffalos to be used as beasts of burden or in an agricultural pursuit for the  
27 production of hides, breeding stock, meat, and buffalo by-products, and the

1 following items used in this pursuit:

2 (a) Feed and feed additives;

3 (b) Insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, rodenticides, and other farm chemicals;

4 (c) On-farm facilities, including equipment, machinery, attachments, repair and  
5 replacement parts, and any materials incorporated into the construction,  
6 renovation, or repair of the facilities. The exemption shall apply to waterer  
7 and feeding systems, ventilation systems, and alarm systems. In addition, the  
8 exemption shall apply whether or not the seller is under contract to deliver,  
9 assemble, and incorporate into real estate the equipment, machinery,  
10 attachments, repair and replacement parts, and any materials incorporated into  
11 the construction, renovation, or repair of the facilities;

12 (30) Aquatic organisms sold directly to or raised by a person regularly engaged in the  
13 business of producing products of aquaculture, as defined in KRS 260.960, for sale,  
14 and the following items used in this pursuit:

15 (a) Feed and feed additives;

16 (b) Water;

17 (c) Insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, rodenticides, and other farm chemicals;  
18 and

19 (d) On-farm facilities, including equipment, machinery, attachments, repair and  
20 replacement parts, and any materials incorporated into the construction,  
21 renovation, or repair of the facilities and, any gasoline, special fuels, liquefied  
22 petroleum gas, or natural gas used to operate the facilities. The exemption  
23 shall apply, but not be limited to: waterer and feeding systems; ventilation,  
24 aeration, and heating systems; processing and storage systems; production  
25 systems such as ponds, tanks, and raceways; harvest and transport equipment  
26 and systems; and alarm systems. In addition, the exemption shall apply  
27 whether or not the seller is under contract to deliver, assemble, and

1 incorporate into real estate the equipment, machinery, attachments, repair and  
2 replacement parts, and any materials incorporated into the construction,  
3 renovation, or repair of the facilities;

4 (31) Members of the genus cervidae permitted by KRS Chapter 150 that are used for the  
5 production of hides, breeding stock, meat, and cervid by-products, and the  
6 following items used in this pursuit:

- 7 (a) Feed and feed additives;
- 8 (b) Insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, rodenticides, and other chemicals; and
- 9 (c) On-site facilities, including equipment, machinery, attachments, repair and  
10 replacement parts, and any materials incorporated into the construction,  
11 renovation, or repair of the facilities. In addition, the exemption shall apply  
12 whether or not the seller is under contract to deliver, assemble, and  
13 incorporate into real estate the equipment, machinery, attachments, repair and  
14 replacement parts, and any materials incorporated into the construction,  
15 renovation, or repair of the facilities;

16 (32) (a) Repair or replacement parts for the direct operation or maintenance of a motor  
17 vehicle, including any towed unit, used exclusively in interstate commerce for  
18 the conveyance of property or passengers for hire, provided the motor vehicle  
19 is licensed for use on the highway and its declared gross vehicle weight with  
20 any towed unit is forty-four thousand and one (44,001) pounds or greater.  
21 Nominal intrastate use shall not subject the property to the taxes imposed by  
22 this chapter;

23 (b) Repair or replacement parts for the direct operation and maintenance of a  
24 motor vehicle operating under a charter bus certificate issued by the  
25 Transportation Cabinet under KRS Chapter 281, or under similar authority  
26 granted by the United States Department of Transportation; and

27 (c) For the purposes of this subsection, "repair or replacement parts" means tires,



1           brakes, engines, transmissions, drive trains, chassis, body parts, and their  
 2           components. "Repair or replacement parts" shall not include fuel, machine  
 3           oils, hydraulic fluid, brake fluid, grease, supplies, or accessories not essential  
 4           to the operation of the motor vehicle itself, except when sold as part of the  
 5           assembled unit, such as cigarette lighters, radios, lighting fixtures not  
 6           otherwise required by the manufacturer for operation of the vehicle, or tool or  
 7           utility boxes;~~and~~

8           (33) Food donated by a retail food establishment or any other entity regulated under KRS  
 9           217.127 to a nonprofit organization for distribution to the needy; **and**

10       **(34) (a) 1. Bees used in a commercial enterprise for:**

11               **a. The production of honey or wax for sale; or**

12               **b. The pollination of crops the products of which:**

13                       **i. Constitute food for human consumption; or**

14                       **ii. Are to be sold in the regular course of business; and**

15               **2. The following items used in that commercial enterprise:**

16                       **a. Sugar and high-fructose corn syrup;**

17                       **b. Medication and other chemicals used to control mites, fungi, and**  
 18                               **parasites;**

19                       **c. Hive components, including but not limited to hive bodies, hive**  
 20                               **stands, and woodenware;**

21                       **d. Hive accessories, including but not limited to queen excluders,**  
 22                               **bucket feeders, and pollen traps;**

23                       **e. Beeswax foundation and frames;**

24                       **f. Extractors, decapping tanks, and knives;**

25                       **g. Beekeeping apparel; and**

26                       **h. Machinery and equipment designed exclusively for the**  
 27                               **management of bees and products derived from bees.**

1 *(b) The exemptions provided in this subsection shall apply to retail sales made*  
 2 *on or after August 1, 2018, but before July 1, 2022.*

3 *(c) On or before October 1, 2018, and on or before each October 1 thereafter as*  
 4 *long as the exemption applies, the department shall report to the Legislative*  
 5 *Research Commission the total amount of tax exemption that has been*  
 6 *claimed under this subsection for the immediately preceding fiscal year and*  
 7 *the total cumulative amount of exemption claimed.*

8 ➔Section 2. KRS 131.190 is amended to read as follows:

9 (1) ~~[(a)]~~No present or former commissioner or employee of the department ~~of~~  
 10 ~~Revenue~~, present or former member of a county board of assessment appeals,  
 11 present or former property valuation administrator or employee, present or former  
 12 secretary or employee of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, former secretary  
 13 or employee of the Revenue Cabinet, or any other person, shall intentionally and  
 14 without authorization inspect or divulge any information acquired by him of the  
 15 affairs of any person, or information regarding the tax schedules, returns, or reports  
 16 required to be filed with the department or other proper officer, or any information  
 17 produced by a hearing or investigation, insofar as the information may have to do  
 18 with the affairs of the person's business.

19 ~~(2)~~~~[(b)]~~ The prohibition established by *subsection (1) of this section* ~~[paragraph (a) of~~  
 20 ~~this subsection]~~ does not extend to:

21 ~~(a)~~~~[(1)]~~ Information required in prosecutions for making false reports or returns  
 22 of property for taxation, or any other infraction of the tax laws;

23 ~~(b)~~~~[(2)]~~ Any matter properly entered upon any assessment record, or in any way  
 24 made a matter of public record;

25 ~~(c)~~~~[(3)]~~ Furnishing any taxpayer or his properly authorized agent with  
 26 information respecting his own return;

27 ~~(d)~~~~[(4)]~~ Testimony provided by the commissioner or any employee of the

1 Department of Revenue in any court, or the introduction as evidence of returns  
2 or reports filed with the department, in an action for violation of state or  
3 federal tax laws or in any action challenging state or federal tax laws;

4 ~~(e)~~<sup>[5-]</sup> Providing an owner of unmined coal, oil or gas reserves, and other  
5 mineral or energy resources assessed under KRS 132.820(1), or owners of  
6 surface land under which the unmined minerals lie, factual information about  
7 the owner's property derived from third-party returns filed for that owner's  
8 property, under the provisions of KRS 132.820~~(1)~~<sup>[2]</sup>, that is used to  
9 determine the owner's assessment. This information shall be provided to the  
10 owner on a confidential basis, and the owner shall be subject to the penalties  
11 provided in KRS 131.990(21). The third-party filer shall be given prior notice  
12 of any disclosure of information to the owner that was provided by the third-  
13 party filer;

14 ~~(f)~~<sup>[6-]</sup> Providing to a third-party purchaser pursuant to an order entered in a  
15 foreclosure action filed in a court of competent jurisdiction, factual  
16 information related to the owner or lessee of coal, oil, gas reserves, or any  
17 other mineral resources assessed under KRS 132.820~~(1)~~. The department  
18 may promulgate an administrative regulation establishing a fee schedule for  
19 the provision of the information described in this ~~paragraph~~<sup>[subparagraph]</sup>.  
20 Any fee imposed shall not exceed the greater of the actual cost of providing  
21 the information or ten dollars (\$10); ~~or~~

22 ~~(g)~~<sup>[7-]</sup> Providing information to a licensing agency, the Transportation Cabinet,  
23 or the Kentucky Supreme Court under KRS 131.1817;

24 **(h) Statistics of gasoline and special fuels gallonage reported to the department**  
25 **under KRS 138.210 to 138.448;**

26 **(i) Statistics of crude oil reported to the department under the crude oil excise**  
27 **tax requirements of KRS Chapter 137;**

- 1        (j) Statistics of natural gas production reported to the department under the  
2        natural resources severance tax requirements of KRS Chapter 143A;
- 3        (k) Those portions of mine maps submitted by taxpayers to the department  
4        pursuant to KRS Chapter 132 for ad valorem tax purposes that depict the  
5        boundaries of mined-out parcel areas. These electronic maps shall not be  
6        relied upon to determine actual boundaries of mined-out parcel areas.  
7        Property boundaries contained in mine maps required under KRS Chapters  
8        350 and 352 shall not be construed to constitute land surveying or boundary  
9        surveys defined by KRS 322.010 and any administrative regulations;
- 10       (l) Providing to other state agencies the report, filed with the department by an  
11       employer, listing the policy number and the name and address of the  
12       employer's workers' compensation insurance carrier under Section 3 of this  
13       Act;
- 14       (m) The name and address of a cigarette stamping agent or distributor and the  
15       number of cigarette sticks by brand name that have been purchased from a  
16       nonparticipating manufacturer and have been stamped with Kentucky  
17       stamps by that agent or distributor provided by Section 4 of this Act;
- 18       (n) A list of taxpayers that owe delinquent taxes or fees administered by the  
19       department provided by Section 5 of this Act;
- 20       (o) Providing any utility gross receipts license tax return information that is  
21       necessary to administer the provisions of KRS 160.613 to 160.617 to  
22       applicable school districts on a confidential basis;
- 23       (p) Information made available by the department, for official use only and on  
24       a confidential basis, to the proper officer, agency, board, or commission of  
25       this state, any Kentucky city or county, any other state, or the federal  
26       government, under reciprocal agreements whereby the department shall  
27       receive similar or useful information in return; or

1 (g) Providing information to the Legislative Research Commission under:

- 2 1. KRS 139.519 for purposes of the sales and use tax refund on building  
 3 materials used for disaster recovery;  
 4 2. KRS 141.436 for purposes of the energy efficiency products credits;  
 5 3. KRS 141.437 for purposes of the ENERGY STAR home and the  
 6 ENERGY STAR manufactured home credits;  
 7 4. Section 7 of this Act for purposes of the distilled spirits credit; and  
 8 5. Subsection (34) of Section 1 of this Act for purposes of the sales and  
 9 use tax exemption provided for the sale or purchase of bees used in a  
 10 commercial enterprise and certain items used in that commercial  
 11 enterprise.

12 ~~(3)(2) — The commissioner shall make available any information for official use only~~  
 13 ~~and on a confidential basis to the proper officer, agency, board or commission of~~  
 14 ~~this state, any Kentucky county, any Kentucky city, any other state, or the federal~~  
 15 ~~government, under reciprocal agreements whereby the department shall receive~~  
 16 ~~similar or useful information in return.~~

17 ~~(3) — Statistics of tax paid gasoline gallonage reported monthly to the Department of~~  
 18 ~~Revenue under the gasoline excise tax law may be made public by the department.~~

19 ~~(4)} Access to and inspection of information received from the Internal Revenue Service~~  
 20 ~~is for department{of Revenue} use only, and is restricted to tax administration~~  
 21 ~~purposes. {Notwithstanding the provisions of this section to the contrary,~~  
 22 ~~}Information received from the Internal Revenue Service shall not be made~~  
 23 ~~available to any other agency of state government, or any county, city, or other state,~~  
 24 ~~and shall not be inspected intentionally and without authorization by any present~~  
 25 ~~secretary or employee of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, commissioner or~~  
 26 ~~employee of the department{of Revenue}, or any other person.~~

27 ~~{(5) — Statistics of crude oil as reported to the Department of Revenue under the crude oil~~

1       excise tax requirements of KRS Chapter 137 and statistics of natural gas production  
2       as reported to the Department of Revenue under the natural resources severance tax  
3       requirements of KRS Chapter 143A may be made public by the department by  
4       release to the Energy and Environment Cabinet, Department for Natural Resources.

5       ~~(6) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, beginning with mine map~~  
6       ~~submissions for the 1989 tax year, the department may make public or divulge only~~  
7       ~~those portions of mine maps submitted by taxpayers to the department pursuant to~~  
8       ~~KRS Chapter 132 for ad valorem tax purposes that depict the boundaries of mined-~~  
9       ~~out parcel areas. These electronic maps shall not be relied upon to determine actual~~  
10       ~~boundaries of mined out parcel areas. Property boundaries contained in mine maps~~  
11       ~~required under KRS Chapters 350 and 352 shall not be construed to constitute land~~  
12       ~~surveying or boundary surveys as defined by KRS 322.010 and any administrative~~  
13       ~~regulations promulgated thereto.~~

14       ~~(7) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, the~~  
15       ~~department may divulge to the applicable school districts on a confidential basis any~~  
16       ~~utility gross receipts license tax return information that is necessary to administer~~  
17       ~~the provisions of KRS 160.613 to 160.617.]~~

18       ➔Section 3. KRS 131.135 is amended to read as follows:

19       ~~{(1) }~~Each employer subject to KRS Chapter 342 shall file annually with the  
20       department~~[of Revenue]~~, in accordance with administrative regulations, a report  
21       providing the policy number and the name and address of the employer's workers'  
22       compensation insurance carrier.

23       ~~{(2) The report may be made available to other state agencies notwithstanding the~~  
24       ~~confidentiality provisions of KRS 131.190.]~~

25       ➔Section 4. KRS 131.618 is amended to read as follows:

26       (1) ~~[Notwithstanding KRS 131.190, ]~~The commissioner is authorized to disclose to the  
27       Attorney General the name and address of a stamping agent or distributor and the

1 number of sticks by brand name that have been purchased from a nonparticipating  
2 manufacturer and have been stamped with Kentucky stamps by that agent or  
3 distributor. The Attorney General may share this information with federal, other  
4 state, or local agencies only for the purposes of enforcement of KRS 131.600 to  
5 131.630 or corresponding laws of other states. The Attorney General is further  
6 authorized to disclose to a nonparticipating manufacturer or its importers this  
7 information that has been provided by a stamping agent regarding the purchases  
8 from that nonparticipating manufacturer or its importers. This information provided  
9 by a stamping agent may be used in any enforcement action against the  
10 nonparticipating manufacturer or its importers by the Attorney General.

11 (2) In addition to the information required to be submitted pursuant to KRS 131.608,  
12 131.614, and 131.620, the Attorney General or the commissioner may require a  
13 stamping agent, distributor, participating manufacturer, nonparticipating  
14 manufacturer, or a nonparticipating manufacturer's importers to submit any  
15 additional information including but not limited to samples of the packaging or  
16 labeling of each brand family as is necessary to enable the Attorney General to  
17 determine whether the participating manufacturer or the nonparticipating  
18 manufacturer and its importers are in compliance with KRS 131.600 to 131.630.

19 ➔Section 5. KRS 131.650 is amended to read as follows:

20 (1) ~~[Notwithstanding the provisions of KRS 131.190 or any other confidentiality law to~~  
21 ~~the contrary,]~~The department may publish a list or lists of taxpayers that owe  
22 delinquent taxes or fees administered by the department~~[of Revenue]~~, and that meet  
23 the requirements of KRS 131.652.

24 (2) For purposes of this section, a taxpayer may be included on a list if:

25 (a) The taxes or fees owed remain unpaid at least forty-five (45) days after the  
26 dates they became due and payable; and

27 (b) A tax lien or judgment lien has been filed of public record against the taxpayer

1 before notice is given under KRS 131.654.

2 (3) In the case of listed taxpayers that are business entities, the department ~~of~~  
3 ~~Revenue~~ may also list the names of responsible persons assessed pursuant to KRS  
4 136.565, 138.885, 139.185, 141.340, and 142.357 for listed liabilities, who are not  
5 protected from publication by subsection (2) of this section, and for whom the  
6 requirements of KRS 131.652 are satisfied with regard to the personal assessment.

7 (4) Before any list is published under this section, the department shall document that  
8 each of the conditions for publication as provided in this section has been satisfied,  
9 and that procedures were followed to ensure the accuracy of the list and notice was  
10 given to the affected taxpayers.

11 ➔Section 6. KRS 131.990 is amended to read as follows:

12 (1) (a) Any person who violates the intentional unauthorized inspection provisions of  
13 KRS 131.190(1) shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or  
14 imprisoned for not more than six (6) months, or both.

15 (b) Any person who violates the provisions of KRS 131.190(1) by divulging  
16 confidential taxpayer information shall be fined not more than one thousand  
17 dollars (\$1,000) or imprisoned for not more than one (1) year, or both.

18 (c) Any person who violates the intentional unauthorized inspection provisions of  
19 KRS 131.190~~(3)~~~~(4)~~ shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars  
20 (\$1,000) or imprisoned for not more than one (1) year, or both.

21 (d) Any person who violates the provisions of KRS 131.190~~(3)~~~~(4)~~ by divulging  
22 confidential taxpayer information shall be fined not more than five thousand  
23 dollars (\$5,000) or imprisoned for not more than five (5) years, or both.

24 (e) Any present secretary or employee of the Finance and Administration Cabinet,  
25 commissioner or employee of the department, member of a county board of  
26 assessment appeals, property valuation administrator or employee, or any  
27 other person, who violates the provisions of KRS 131.190(1) or ~~(3)~~~~(4)~~ may,



1 in addition to the penalties imposed under this subsection, be disqualified and  
2 removed from office or employment.

3 (2) Any person who willfully fails to comply with the rules and regulations  
4 promulgated by the department for the administration of delinquent tax collections  
5 shall be fined not less than twenty dollars (\$20) nor more than one thousand dollars  
6 (\$1,000).

7 (3) Any person who fails to do any act required or does any act forbidden by KRS  
8 131.210 shall be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10) nor more than five hundred  
9 dollars (\$500).

10 (4) Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of KRS 131.155 shall, unless it  
11 is shown to the satisfaction of the department that the failure is due to reasonable  
12 cause, pay a penalty of one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the amount that should  
13 have been remitted under the provisions of KRS 131.155 for each failure to comply.

14 (5) (a) Any person or financial institution that fails to comply with the provisions of  
15 KRS 131.672 and 131.674 within ninety (90) days after notification by the  
16 department shall, unless the failure is due to reasonable cause as defined in  
17 KRS 131.010, be fined not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and no  
18 more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each full month of  
19 noncompliance. The fine shall begin on the first day of the month beginning  
20 after the expiration of the ninety (90) days.

21 (b) Any financial institution that fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of  
22 KRS 131.672 and 131.674 within one hundred twenty (120) days after the  
23 notification by the department shall, unless the failure is due to reasonable  
24 cause as defined in KRS 131.010, forfeit its right to do business within the  
25 Commonwealth, unless and until the financial institution is in compliance.  
26 Upon notification by the department, the commissioner of the Department of  
27 Financial Institutions shall, as applicable, revoke the authority of the financial

1 institution or its agents to do business in the Commonwealth.

2 (6) Any taxpayer or tax return preparer who fails or refuses to comply with the  
3 provisions of KRS 131.250 or an administrative regulation promulgated under KRS  
4 131.250 shall, unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the department that the failure  
5 is due to reasonable cause, pay a return processing fee of ten dollars (\$10) for each  
6 return not filed as required.

7 ➔Section 7. KRS 141.389 is amended to read as follows:

- 8 (1) (a) There shall be allowed a nonrefundable and nontransferable credit to each  
9 taxpayer paying the distilled spirits ad valorem tax as follows:
- 10 1. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, and before  
11 December 31, 2015, the credit shall be equal to twenty percent (20%) of  
12 the tax assessed under KRS 132.160 and paid under KRS 132.180 on a  
13 timely basis;
  - 14 2. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, and before  
15 December 31, 2016, the credit shall be equal to forty percent (40%) of  
16 the tax assessed under KRS 132.160 and paid under KRS 132.180 on a  
17 timely basis;
  - 18 3. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, and before  
19 December 31, 2017, the credit shall be equal to sixty percent (60%) of  
20 the tax assessed under KRS 132.160 and paid under KRS 132.180 on a  
21 timely basis;
  - 22 4. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, and before  
23 December 31, 2018, the credit shall be equal to eighty percent (80%) of  
24 the tax assessed under KRS 132.160 and paid under KRS 132.180 on a  
25 timely basis; and
  - 26 5. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, the credit shall  
27 be equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the tax assessed under KRS

1                   132.160 and paid under KRS 132.180 on a timely basis.

2           (b) The credit shall be applied both to the income tax imposed under KRS  
3           141.020 or 141.040 and to the limited liability entity tax imposed under KRS  
4           141.0401, with the ordering of the credits as provided in KRS 141.0205.

5   (2) The amount of distilled spirits credit allowed under subsection (1) of this section  
6   shall be used only for capital improvements at the premises of the distiller licensed  
7   pursuant to KRS Chapter 243. As used in this subsection, "capital improvement"  
8   means any costs associated with:

9           (a) Construction, replacement, or remodeling of warehouses or facilities;

10          (b) Purchases of barrels and pallets used for the storage and aging of distilled  
11          spirits in maturing warehouses;

12          (c) Acquisition, construction, or installation of equipment for the use in the  
13          manufacture, bottling, or shipment of distilled spirits;

14          (d) Addition or replacement of access roads or parking facilities; and

15          (e) Construction, replacement, or remodeling of facilities to market or promote  
16          tourism, including but not limited to a visitor's center.

17   (3) The distilled spirits credit allowed under subsection (1) of this section:

18          (a) May be accumulated for multiple taxable years;

19          (b) Shall be claimed on the return of the taxpayer filed for the taxable year during  
20          which the credits were used pursuant to subsection (2) of this section; and

21          (c) Shall not include:

22               1. Any delinquent tax paid to the Commonwealth; or

23               2. Any interest, fees, or penalty paid to the Commonwealth.

24   (4) (a) Before the distilled spirits credit shall be allowed on any return, the capital  
25   improvements required by subsection (2) of this section shall be completed  
26   and specifically associated with the credit allowed on the return.

27   (b) The amount of distilled spirits credit allowed shall be recaptured if the capital

1 improvement associated with the credit is sold or otherwise disposed of prior  
2 to the exhaustion of the useful life of the asset for Kentucky depreciation  
3 purposes.

4 (c) If the allowed credit is associated with multiple capital improvements, and not  
5 all capital improvements are sold or otherwise disposed of, the distilled spirits  
6 credit shall be prorated based on the cost of the capital improvement sold over  
7 the total cost of all improvements associated with the credit.

8 (5) If the taxpayer is a pass-through entity, the taxpayer may apply the credit against the  
9 limited liability entity tax imposed by KRS 141.0401, and shall pass the credit  
10 through to its members, partners, or shareholders in the same proportion as the  
11 distributive share of income or loss is passed through.

12 (6) The department may promulgate an administrative regulation pursuant to KRS  
13 Chapter 13A to implement the allowable credit under this section, require the filing  
14 of forms designed by the department, and require specific information for the  
15 evaluation of the credit taken by any taxpayer.

16 (7) ~~[Notwithstanding KRS 131.190,]~~ No later than September 1, 2016, and annually  
17 thereafter, the department shall report to the Interim Joint Committee on  
18 Appropriations and Revenue:

19 (a) The name of each taxpayer taking the credit permitted by subsection (1) of  
20 this section;

21 (b) The amount of credit taken by that taxpayer; and

22 (c) The type of capital improvement made for which the credit is claimed.

23 ➔Section 8. KRS 131.020 is amended to read as follows:

24 (1) The Department of Revenue, headed by a commissioner appointed by the secretary  
25 with the approval of the Governor, shall be organized into the following functional  
26 units:

27 (a) Office of the Commissioner, which shall consist of:

- 1           1.    The Division of Protest Resolution, headed by a division director who  
2           shall report directly to the commissioner. The division shall administer  
3           the protest functions for the department from office resolution through  
4           court action; and
- 5           2.    The Division of Taxpayer Ombudsman, headed by a division director  
6           who shall report to the commissioner. The division shall perform those  
7           duties set out in KRS 131.083;
- 8           (b) Office of Tax Policy and Regulation, headed by an executive director who  
9           shall report directly to the commissioner. The office shall be responsible for:
- 10          1.    Providing oral and written technical advice on Kentucky tax law;  
11          2.    Drafting proposed tax legislation and regulations;  
12          3.    Testifying before legislative committees on tax matters;  
13          4.    Analyzing tax publications;  
14          5.    Providing expert witness testimony in tax litigation cases;  
15          6.    Providing consultation and assistance in protested tax cases; and  
16          7.    Conducting training and education programs;
- 17          (c) Office of Processing and Enforcement, headed by an executive director who  
18          shall report directly to the commissioner. The office shall be responsible for  
19          processing documents, depositing funds, collecting debt payments, and  
20          coordinating, planning, and implementing a data integrity strategy. The office  
21          shall consist of the:
- 22          1.    Division of Operations, which shall be responsible for opening all tax  
23          returns, preparing the returns for data capture, coordinating the data  
24          capture process, depositing receipts, maintaining tax data, and assisting  
25          other state agencies with similar operational aspects as negotiated  
26          between the department and the other agency;
- 27          2.    Division of Collections, which shall be responsible for initiating all

- 1 collection enforcement activity related to due and owing tax  
2 assessments, including protest resolution, and for assisting other state  
3 agencies with similar collection aspects as negotiated between the  
4 department and the other state agency; and
- 5 3. Division of Registration and Data Integrity, which shall be responsible  
6 for registering businesses for tax purposes, ensuring that the data entered  
7 into the department's tax systems is accurate and complete, and assisting  
8 the taxing areas in proper procedures to ensure the accuracy of the data  
9 over time;
- 10 (d) Office of Property Valuation, headed by an executive director who shall report  
11 directly to the commissioner. The office shall consist of the:
- 12 1. Division of Local Support, which shall be responsible for providing  
13 supervision, assistance, and training to the property valuation  
14 administrators and sheriffs within the Commonwealth;
- 15 2. Division of State Valuation, which shall be responsible for providing  
16 assessments of public service companies and motor vehicles, and  
17 providing assistance to property valuation administrators and sheriffs  
18 with the administration of tangible and omitted property taxes within the  
19 Commonwealth; and
- 20 3. Division of Minerals Taxation and Geographical Information System  
21 Services, which shall be responsible for providing geographical  
22 information system mapping support, ensuring proper filing of severance  
23 tax returns, ensuring consistency of unmined coal assessments, and  
24 gathering and providing data to properly assess minerals to the property  
25 valuation administrators within the Commonwealth;
- 26 (e) Office of Sales and Excise Taxes, headed by an executive director who shall  
27 report directly to the commissioner. The office shall administer all matters

1 relating to sales and use taxes and miscellaneous excise taxes, including but  
2 not limited to technical tax research, compliance, taxpayer assistance, tax-  
3 specific training, and publications. The office shall consist of the:

- 4 1. Division of Sales and Use Tax, which shall administer the sales and use  
5 tax; and
- 6 2. Division of Miscellaneous Taxes, which shall administer various other  
7 taxes, including but not limited to alcoholic beverage taxes; cigarette  
8 enforcement fees, stamps, meters, and taxes; gasoline tax; bank  
9 franchise tax; inheritance and estate tax; insurance premiums and  
10 insurance surcharge taxes; motor vehicle tire fees and usage taxes; and  
11 special fuels taxes;

12 (f) Office of Income Taxation, headed by an executive director who shall report  
13 directly to the commissioner. The office shall administer all matters related to  
14 income and corporation license taxes, including technical tax research,  
15 compliance, taxpayer assistance, tax-specific training, and publications. The  
16 office shall consist of the:

- 17 1. Division of Individual Income Tax, which shall administer the following  
18 taxes or returns: individual income, fiduciary, and employer  
19 withholding; and
- 20 2. Division of Corporation Tax, which shall administer the corporation  
21 income tax, corporation license tax, pass-through entity withholding,  
22 and pass-through entity reporting requirements; and

23 (g) Office of Field Operations, headed by an executive director who shall report  
24 directly to the commissioner. The office shall manage the regional taxpayer  
25 service centers and the field audit program.

26 (2) The functions and duties of the department shall include conducting conferences,  
27 administering taxpayer protests, and settling tax controversies on a fair and

1 equitable basis, taking into consideration the hazards of litigation to the  
2 Commonwealth of Kentucky and the taxpayer. The mission of the department shall  
3 be to afford an opportunity for taxpayers to have an independent informal review of  
4 the determinations of the audit functions of the department, and to attempt to fairly  
5 and equitably resolve tax controversies at the administrative level.

6 (3) The department shall maintain an accounting structure for the one hundred twenty  
7 (120) property valuation administrators' offices across the Commonwealth in order  
8 to facilitate use of the state payroll system and the budgeting process.

9 (4) Except as provided in KRS 131.190(3)[~~(4)~~], the department shall fully cooperate  
10 with and make tax information available as prescribed under KRS 131.190(2)(p) to  
11 the Governor's Office for Economic Analysis as necessary for the office to perform  
12 the tax administration function established in KRS 42.410.

13 (5) Executive directors and division directors established under this section shall be  
14 appointed by the secretary with the approval of the Governor.

15 ➔Section 9. This Act takes effect August 1, 2018.