1 AN ACT relating to an exemption of income taxation for military pensions. 2 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky: 3 → Section 1. KRS 141.010 is amended to read as follows: 4 As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise: 5 "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the Department of Revenue; (1) 6 (2) "Department" means the Department of Revenue; 7 "Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal Revenue Code in effect on December (3) 8 31, 2015, exclusive of any amendments made subsequent to that date, other than 9 amendments that extend provisions in effect on December 31, 2015, that would 10 otherwise terminate, and as modified by KRS 141.0101; 11 (4) "Dependent" means those persons defined as dependents in the Internal Revenue 12 Code: 13 "Fiduciary" means "fiduciary" as defined in Section 7701(a)(6) of the Internal 14 Revenue Code; 15 (6) "Fiscal year" means "fiscal year" as defined in Section 7701(a)(24) of the Internal 16 Revenue Code; 17 "Individual" means a natural person; (7) 18 "Modified gross income" means the greater of: (8) 19 (a) Adjusted gross income as defined in Section 62 of the Internal Revenue Code 20 of 1986, including any subsequent amendments in effect on December 31 of 21 the taxable year, and adjusted as follows: 22

- Include interest income derived from obligations of sister states and political subdivisions thereof; and
- 24 2. Include lump-sum pension distributions taxed under the special transition rules of Pub. L. No. 104-188, sec. 1401(c)(2); or

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26 (b) Adjusted gross income as defined in subsection (10) of this section and adjusted to include lump-sum pension distributions taxed under the special

1			transition rules of Pub. L. No. 104-188, sec. 1401(c)(2);
2	(9)	"Gro	oss income," in the case of taxpayers other than corporations, means "gross
3		inco	me" as defined in Section 61 of the Internal Revenue Code;
4	(10)	"Ad	justed gross income," in the case of taxpayers other than corporations, means
5		gros	s income as defined in subsection (9) of this section minus the deductions
6		allo	wed individuals by Section 62 of the Internal Revenue Code and as modified by
7		KRS	S 141.0101 and adjusted as follows, except that deductions shall be limited to
8		amo	unts allocable to income subject to taxation under the provisions of this chapter
9		and	except that nothing in this chapter shall be construed to permit the same item to
10		be d	educted more than once:
11		(a)	Exclude income that is exempt from state taxation by the Kentucky
12			Constitution and the Constitution and statutory laws of the United States and
13			Kentucky;
14		(b)	Exclude income from supplemental annuities provided by the Railroad
15			Retirement Act of 1937 as amended and which are subject to federal income
16			tax by Public Law 89-699;
17		(c)	Include interest income derived from obligations of sister states and political
18			subdivisions thereof;
19		(d)	Exclude employee pension contributions picked up as provided for in KRS
20			6.505, 16.545, 21.360, 61.523, 61.560, 65.155, 67A.320, 67A.510, 78.610
21			and 161.540 upon a ruling by the Internal Revenue Service or the federal
22			courts that these contributions shall not be included as gross income until such
23			time as the contributions are distributed or made available to the employee;
24		(e)	Exclude Social Security and railroad retirement benefits subject to federal
25			income tax;
26		(f)	Include, for taxable years ending before January 1, 1991, all overpayments of
27			federal income tax refunded or credited for taxable years;

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1	(g)	Deduct, for taxable years ending before January 1, 1991, federal income tax
2		paid for taxable years ending before January 1, 1990;
3	(h)	Exclude any money received because of a settlement or judgment in a lawsuit
4		brought against a manufacturer or distributor of "Agent Orange" for damages
5		resulting from exposure to Agent Orange by a member or veteran of the
6		Armed Forces of the United States or any dependent of such person who
7		served in Vietnam;
8	(i)	1. For taxable years ending prior to December 31, 2005, exclude the
9		applicable amount of total distributions from pension plans, annuity
10		contracts, profit-sharing plans, retirement plans, or employee savings
11		plans. The "applicable amount" shall be:
12		a. Twenty-five percent (25%), but not more than six thousand two
13		hundred fifty dollars (\$6,250), for taxable years beginning after
14		December 31, 1994, and before January 1, 1996;
15		b. Fifty percent (50%), but not more than twelve thousand five
16		hundred dollars (\$12,500), for taxable years beginning after
17		December 31, 1995, and before January 1, 1997;
18		c. Seventy-five percent (75%), but not more than eighteen thousand
19		seven hundred fifty dollars (\$18,750), for taxable years beginning
20		after December 31, 1996, and before January 1, 1998; and
21		d. One hundred percent (100%), but not more than thirty-five
22		thousand dollars (\$35,000), for taxable years beginning after
23		December 31, 1997.
24		2. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2005, exclude up to
25		forty-one thousand one hundred ten dollars (\$41,110) of total
26		distributions from pension plans, annuity contracts, profit-sharing plans,

retirement plans, or employee savings plans.

1	<u>3. a.</u>	For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, but
2		before January 1, 2023, exclude all distributions from military
3		pension plans received by retired members of the Armed Forces
4		of the United States, members of reserve components of the
5		Armed Forces of the United States, and members of the National
6		<u>Guard.</u>
7	<u>b.</u>	The purpose of the pension deduction in this subparagraph is to
8		encourage military personnel to remain residents of Kentucky
9		after retirement.
10	<u>c.</u>	The department shall provide the following information to the
11		Legislative Research Commission no later than December 1,
12		2020, and on or before each December 1 thereafter as long as
13		the deduction is claimed on any return filed:
14		i. The number of tax returns claiming the deduction for each
15		taxable year;
16		ii. The total amount of the deductions claimed and the total
17		amount of the reduced tax liability for each taxable year;
18		iii. The cumulative total of the reduced tax liability by county,
19		based on the mailing address on the return claiming the
20		deduction, for each taxable year; and
21		iv. Based on ranges of adjusted gross income of no larger than
22		five thousand dollars (\$5,000), the total amount of the
23		reduced tax liability for each adjusted gross income range
24		for each taxable year.
25	<u>4.[3.]</u> As	used in this paragraph:
26	a.	"Distributions" includes but is not limited to any lump-sum
27		distribution from pension or profit-sharing plans qualifying for the

1				income tax averaging provisions of Section 402 of the Internal
2				Revenue Code; any distribution from an individual retirement
3				account as defined in Section 408 of the Internal Revenue Code;
4				and any disability pension distribution;
5			b.	"Annuity contract" has the same meaning as set forth in Section
6				1035 of the Internal Revenue Code; and
7			c.	"Pension plans, profit-sharing plans, retirement plans, or employee
8				savings plans" means any trust or other entity created or organized
9				under a written retirement plan and forming part of a stock bonus,
10				pension, or profit-sharing plan of a public or private employer for
11				the exclusive benefit of employees or their beneficiaries and
12				includes plans qualified or unqualified under Section 401 of the
13				Internal Revenue Code and individual retirement accounts as
14				defined in Section 408 of the Internal Revenue Code;
15	(j)	1.	a.	Exclude the portion of the distributive share of a shareholder's net
16				income from an S corporation subject to the franchise tax imposed
17				under KRS 136.505 or the capital stock tax imposed under KRS
18				136.300; and
19			b.	Exclude the portion of the distributive share of a shareholder's net
20				income from an S corporation related to a qualified subchapter S
21				subsidiary subject to the franchise tax imposed under KRS
22				136.505 or the capital stock tax imposed under KRS 136.300.
23		2.	The	shareholder's basis of stock held in a S corporation where the S
24			corp	poration or its qualified subchapter S subsidiary is subject to the
25			fran	chise tax imposed under KRS 136.505 or the capital stock tax
26			imp	osed under KRS 136.300 shall be the same as the basis for federal
27			inco	ome tax purposes;

(k)	Exclude, to the extent not already excluded from gross income, any amounts
	paid for health insurance, or the value of any voucher or similar instrument
	used to provide health insurance, which constitutes medical care coverage for
	the taxpayer, the taxpayer's spouse, and dependents, or for any person
	authorized to be provided excludable coverage by the taxpayer pursuant to the
	federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-
	148, or the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 Pub. L. No.
	111-152, during the taxable year. Any amounts paid by the taxpayer for health
	insurance that are excluded pursuant to this paragraph shall not be allowed as
	a deduction in computing the taxpayer's net income under subsection (11) of
	this section;
(1)	Exclude income received for services performed as a precinct worker for

- (l) Exclude income received for services performed as a precinct worker for election training or for working at election booths in state, county, and local primary, regular, or special elections;
- (m) Exclude any amount paid during the taxable year for insurance for long-term care as defined in KRS 304.14-600;
- (n) Exclude any capital gains income attributable to property taken by eminent domain;
- (o) Exclude any amount received by a producer of tobacco or a tobacco quota owner from the multistate settlement with the tobacco industry, known as the Master Settlement Agreement, signed on November 22, 1998;
- (p) Exclude any amount received from the secondary settlement fund, referred to as "Phase II," established by tobacco companies to compensate tobacco farmers and quota owners for anticipated financial losses caused by the national tobacco settlement;
- (q) Exclude any amount received from funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation for the Tobacco Loss Assistance Program as a result of a

1			reduction in the quantity of tobacco quota allotted;
2		(r)	Exclude any amount received as a result of a tobacco quota buydown program
3			that all quota owners and growers are eligible to participate in;
4		(s)	Exclude state Phase II payments received by a producer of tobacco or a
5			tobacco quota owner;
6		(t)	Exclude all income from all sources for active duty and reserve members and
7			officers of the Armed Forces of the United States or National Guard who are
8			killed in the line of duty, for the year during which the death occurred and the
9			year prior to the year during which the death occurred. For the purposes of this
10			paragraph, "all income from all sources" shall include all federal and state
11			death benefits payable to the estate or any beneficiaries; and
12		(u)	For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, exclude all military
13			pay received by active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United
14			States, members of reserve components of the Armed Forces of the United
15			States, and members of the National Guard, including compensation for state
16			active duty as described in KRS 38.205;
17	(11)	"Net	income," in the case of taxpayers other than corporations, means adjusted
18		gross	s income as defined in subsection (10) of this section, minus:
19		(a)	The deduction allowed by KRS 141.0202;
20		(b)	Any amount paid for vouchers or similar instruments that provide health
21			insurance coverage to employees or their families;
22		(c)	For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, the amount of
23			domestic production activities deduction calculated at six percent (6%) as
24			allowed in Section 199(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code for taxable years
25			beginning before 2010; and
26		(d)	1. All the deductions allowed individuals by Chapter 1 of the Internal
27			Revenue Code as modified by KRS 141.0101 except:

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Any deduction allowed by the Internal Revenue Code for state or a. foreign taxes measured by gross or net income, including state and local general sales taxes allowed in lieu of state and local income taxes under the provisions of Section 164(b)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code;

- b. Any deduction allowed by the Internal Revenue Code for amounts allowable under KRS 140.090(1)(h) in calculating the value of the distributive shares of the estate of a decedent, unless there is filed with the income return a statement that such deduction has not been claimed under KRS 140.090(1)(h);
- The deduction for personal exemptions allowed under Section 151 c. of the Internal Revenue Code and any other deductions in lieu thereof:
- d. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, the domestic production activities deduction allowed under Section 199 of the Internal Revenue Code:
  - Any deduction for amounts paid to any club, organization, or establishment which has been determined by the courts or an agency established by the General Assembly and charged with enforcing the civil rights laws of the Commonwealth, not to afford full and equal membership and full and equal enjoyment of its facilities, goods, services, privileges, advantages, or accommodations to any person because of race, color, religion, national origin, or sex, except nothing shall be construed to deny a deduction for amounts paid to any religious or denominational club, group, or establishment or any organization operated solely for charitable or educational purposes which restricts membership

1					to persons of the same religion or denomination in order to
2					promote the religious principles for which it is established and
3					maintained;
4			f.		Any deduction directly or indirectly allocable to income which is
5					either exempt from taxation or otherwise not taxed under this
6					chapter;
7			g.	•	The itemized deduction limitation established in 26 U.S.C. sec. 68
8					shall be determined using the applicable amount from 26 U.S.C.
9					sec. 68 as it existed on December 31, 2006; and
10			h.		A taxpayer may elect to claim the standard deduction allowed by
11					KRS 141.081 instead of itemized deductions allowed pursuant to
12					26 U.S.C. sec. 63 and as modified by this section; and
13			2. N	othi	ng in this chapter shall be construed to permit the same item to be
14			de	educ	eted more than once;
15	(12)	"Gro	ss incon	ne,"	in the case of corporations, means "gross income" as defined in
16	,	Secti	on 61 o	of th	e Internal Revenue Code and as modified by KRS 141.0101 and
17	í	adjus	sted as fo	ollo	ws:
18	(	(a)	Exclude	e ii	ncome that is exempt from state taxation by the Kentucky
19			Constit	utio	n and the Constitution and statutory laws of the United States;
20	(	(b)	Exclude	e all	dividend income received after December 31, 1969;
21	(	(c)	Include	inte	erest income derived from obligations of sister states and political
22			subdivi	sion	s thereof;
23	(	(d)	Exclude	e fif	ty percent (50%) of gross income derived from any disposal of coal
24			covered	d by	Section 631(c) of the Internal Revenue Code if the corporation
25			does no	ot c	laim any deduction for percentage depletion, or for expenditures
26			attribut	able	to the making and administering of the contract under which such
27			disposit	tion	occurs or to the preservation of the economic interests retained

1		under such contract;
2	(e)	Include in the gross income of lessors income tax payments made by lessees
3		to lessors, under the provisions of Section 110 of the Internal Revenue Code,
4		and exclude such payments from the gross income of lessees;
5	(f)	Include the amount calculated under KRS 141.205;
6	(g)	Ignore the provisions of Section 281 of the Internal Revenue Code in
7		computing gross income;
8	(h)	Exclude income from "safe harbor leases" (Section 168(f)(8) of the Internal
9		Revenue Code);
10	(i)	Exclude any amount received by a producer of tobacco or a tobacco quota
11		owner from the multistate settlement with the tobacco industry, known as the
12		Master Settlement Agreement, signed on November 22, 1998;
13	(j)	Exclude any amount received from the secondary settlement fund, referred to
14		as "Phase II," established by tobacco companies to compensate tobacco
15		farmers and quota owners for anticipated financial losses caused by the
16		national tobacco settlement;
17	(k)	Exclude any amount received from funds of the Commodity Credit
18		Corporation for the Tobacco Loss Assistance Program as a result of a
19		reduction in the quantity of tobacco quota allotted;
20	(l)	Exclude any amount received as a result of a tobacco quota buydown program
21		that all quota owners and growers are eligible to participate in;
22	(m)	For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2004, and before January 1,
23		2007, exclude the distributive share income or loss received from a
24		corporation defined in subsection (24)(b) of this section whose income has
25		been subject to the tax imposed by KRS 141.040. The exclusion provided in
26		this paragraph shall also apply to a taxable year that begins prior to January 1,

2005, if the tax imposed by KRS 141.040 is paid on the distributive share

1			income by a corporation defined in subparagraphs 2. to 8. of subsection
2			(24)(b) of this section with a return filed for a period of less than twelve (12)
3			months that begins on or after January 1, 2005, and ends on or before
4			December 31, 2005. This paragraph shall not be used to delay payment of the
5			tax imposed by KRS 141.040; and
6		(n)	Exclude state Phase II payments received by a producer of tobacco or a
7			tobacco quota owner;
8	(13)	"Net	income," in the case of corporations, means "gross income" as defined in
9		subs	ection (12) of this section minus:
10		(a)	The deduction allowed by KRS 141.0202;
11		(b)	Any amount paid for vouchers or similar instruments that provide health
12			insurance coverage to employees or their families;
13		(c)	For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, the amount of
14			domestic production activities deduction calculated at six percent (6%) as
15			allowed in Section 199(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code for taxable years
16			beginning before 2010; and
17		(d)	All the deductions from gross income allowed corporations by Chapter 1 of
18			the Internal Revenue Code and as modified by KRS 141.0101, except:
19			1. Any deduction for a state tax which is computed, in whole or in part, by
20			reference to gross or net income and which is paid or accrued to any
21			state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth
22			of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the United States, or to any
23			foreign country or political subdivision thereof;
24			2. The deductions contained in Sections 243, 244, 245, and 247 of the
25			Internal Revenue Code;
26			3. The provisions of Section 281 of the Internal Revenue Code shall be
27			ignored in computing net income;

1	4.	Any deduction directly or indirectly allocable to income which is either
2		exempt from taxation or otherwise not taxed under the provisions of this
3		chapter, and nothing in this chapter shall be construed to permit the
4		same item to be deducted more than once;
5	5.	Exclude expenses related to "safe harbor leases" (Section 168(f)(8) of
6		the Internal Revenue Code);
7	6.	Any deduction for amounts paid to any club, organization, or
8		establishment which has been determined by the courts or an agency
9		established by the General Assembly and charged with enforcing the
10		civil rights laws of the Commonwealth, not to afford full and equal
11		membership and full and equal enjoyment of its goods, services,
12		facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations to any person
13		because of race, color, religion, national origin, or sex, except nothing
14		shall be construed to deny a deduction for amounts paid to any religious
15		or denominational club, group, or establishment or any organization
16		operated solely for charitable or educational purposes which restricts
17		membership to persons of the same religion or denomination in order to
18		promote the religious principles for which it is established and
19		maintained;
20	7.	Any deduction prohibited by KRS 141.205;
21	8.	Any dividends-paid deduction of any captive real estate investment trust;
22		and
23	9.	For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, the domestic
24		production activities deduction allowed under Section 199 of the
25		Internal Revenue Code;

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means "net income" as defined in subsection (13) of this section;

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(14) (a)

"Taxable net income," in the case of corporations that are taxable in this state,

(b)	"Taxable net income," in the case of corporations that are taxable in this state
	and taxable in another state, means "net income" as defined in subsection (13)
	of this section and as allocated and apportioned under KRS 141.120. A
	corporation is taxable in another state if, in any state other than Kentucky, the
	corporation is required to file a return for or pay a net income tax, franchise
	tax measured by net income, franchise tax for the privilege of doing business
	or corporate stock tax;

- (c) "Taxable net income," in the case of homeowners' associations as defined in Section 528(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, means "taxable income" as defined in Section 528(d) of the Internal Revenue Code. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (3) of this section, the Internal Revenue Code sections referred to in this paragraph shall be those code sections in effect for the applicable tax year; and
- (d) "Taxable net income," in the case of a corporation that meets the requirements established under Section 856 of the Internal Revenue Code to be a real estate investment trust, means "real estate investment trust taxable income" as defined in Section 857(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, except that a captive real estate investment trust shall not be allowed any deduction for dividends paid;
- (15) "Person" means "person" as defined in Section 7701(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- 22 (16) "Taxable year" means the calendar year or fiscal year ending during such calendar
  23 year, upon the basis of which net income is computed, and in the case of a return
  24 made for a fractional part of a year under the provisions of this chapter or under
  25 regulations prescribed by the commissioner, "taxable year" means the period for
  26 which the return is made;
- 27 (17) "Resident" means an individual domiciled within this state or an individual who is

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1		not domiciled in this state, but maintains a place of abode in this state and spends in
2		the aggregate more than one hundred eighty-three (183) days of the taxable year in
3		this state;
4	(18)	"Nonresident" means any individual not a resident of this state;
5	(19)	"Employer" means "employer" as defined in Section 3401(d) of the Internal
6		Revenue Code;
7	(20)	"Employee" means "employee" as defined in Section 3401(c) of the Internal
8		Revenue Code;
9	(21)	"Number of withholding exemptions claimed" means the number of withholding
10		exemptions claimed in a withholding exemption certificate in effect under KRS
11		141.325, except that if no such certificate is in effect, the number of withholding
12		exemptions claimed shall be considered to be zero;
13	(22)	"Wages" means "wages" as defined in Section 3401(a) of the Internal Revenue
14		Code and includes other income subject to withholding as provided in Section
15		3401(f) and Section 3402(k), (o), (p), (q), and (s) of the Internal Revenue Code;
16	(23)	"Payroll period" means "payroll period" as defined in Section 3401(b) of the
17		Internal Revenue Code;
18	(24)	(a) For taxable years beginning before January 1, 2005, and after December 31,
19		2006, "corporation" means "corporation" as defined in Section 7701(a)(3) of
20		the Internal Revenue Code; and
21		(b) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2004, and before January 1,
22		2007, "corporations" means:
23		1. "Corporations" as defined in Section 7701(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue
24		Code;
25		2. S corporations as defined in Section 1361(a) of the Internal Revenue
26		Code;
27		3. A foreign limited liability company as defined in KRS 275.015;

1			4.	A limited liability company as defined in KRS 275.015;
2			5.	A professional limited liability company as defined in KRS 275.015;
3			6.	A foreign limited partnership as defined in KRS 362.2-102(9);
4			7.	A limited partnership as defined in KRS 362.2-102(14);
5			8.	A limited liability partnership as defined in KRS 362.155(7) or in 362.1-
6				101(7) or (8);
7			9.	A real estate investment trust as defined in Section 856 of the Internal
8				Revenue Code;
9			10.	A regulated investment company as defined in Section 851 of the
10				Internal Revenue Code;
11			11.	A real estate mortgage investment conduit as defined in Section 860D of
12				the Internal Revenue Code;
13			12.	A financial asset securitization investment trust as defined in Section
14				860L of the Internal Revenue Code; and
15			13.	Other similar entities created with limited liability for their partners,
16				members, or shareholders.
17			For	purposes of this paragraph, "corporation" shall not include any publicly
18			trade	ed partnership as defined by Section 7704(b) of the Internal Revenue Code
19			that	is treated as a partnership for federal tax purposes under Section 7704(c)
20			of th	ne Internal Revenue Code or its publicly traded partnership affiliates. As
21			used	in this paragraph, "publicly traded partnership affiliates" shall include
22			any	limited liability company or limited partnership for which at least eighty
23			perc	ent (80%) of the limited liability company member interests or limited
24			parti	ner interests are owned directly or indirectly by the publicly traded
25			parti	nership;
26	(25)	"Do	ing bu	siness in this state" includes but is not limited to:
27		(a)	Bein	ng organized under the laws of this state;

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1		(b)	Having a commercial domicile in this state;
2		(c)	Owning or leasing property in this state;
3		(d)	Having one (1) or more individuals performing services in this state;
4		(e)	Maintaining an interest in a pass-through entity doing business in this state;
5		(f)	Deriving income from or attributable to sources within this state, including
6			deriving income directly or indirectly from a trust doing business in this state,
7			or deriving income directly or indirectly from a single-member limited
8			liability company that is doing business in this state and is disregarded as an
9			entity separate from its single member for federal income tax purposes; or
10		(g)	Directing activities at Kentucky customers for the purpose of selling them
11			goods or services.
12		Noth	ning in this subsection shall be interpreted in a manner that goes beyond the
13		limit	tations imposed and protections provided by the United States Constitution or
14		Pub.	L. No. 86-272;
15	(26)	"Pas	s-through entity" means any partnership, S corporation, limited liability
16		com	pany, limited liability partnership, limited partnership, or similar entity
17		reco	gnized by the laws of this state that is not taxed for federal purposes at the
18		entit	y level, but instead passes to each partner, member, shareholder, or owner their
19		prop	ortionate share of income, deductions, gains, losses, credits, and any other
20		simi	lar attributes;
21	(27)	"S c	orporation" means "S corporation" as defined in Section 1361(a) of the Internal
22		Reve	enue Code;
23	(28)	"Lin	nited liability pass-through entity" means any pass-through entity that affords
24		any	of its partners, members, shareholders, or owners, through function of the laws
25		of th	nis state or laws recognized by this state, protection from general liability for

(29) "Captive real estate investment trust" means a real estate investment trust as defined

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actions of the entity; and

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1	in Se	ction	856 of the Internal Revenue Code that meets the following requirements:
2	(a)	1.	The shares or other ownership interests of the real estate investment trust
3			are not regularly traded on an established securities market; or
4		2.	The real estate investment trust does not have enough shareholders or
5			owners to be required to register with the Securities and Exchange
6			Commission; and
7	(b)	1.	The maximum amount of stock or other ownership interest that is owned
8			or constructively owned by a corporation equals or exceeds:
9			a. Twenty-five percent (25%), if the corporation does not occupy
10			property owned, constructively owned, or controlled by the real
11			estate investment trust; or
12			b. Ten percent (10%), if the corporation occupies property owned,
13			constructively owned, or controlled by the real estate investment
14			trust.
15			The total ownership interest of a corporation shall be determined by
16			aggregating all interests owned or constructively owned by a
17			corporation;
18		2.	For the purposes of this paragraph:
19			a. "Corporation" means a corporation taxable under KRS 141.040,
20			and includes an affiliated group as defined in KRS 141.200, that is
21			required to file a consolidated return pursuant to the provisions of
22			KRS 141.200; and
23			b. "Owned or constructively owned" means owning shares or having
24			an ownership interest in the real estate investment trust, or owning
25			an interest in an entity that owns shares or has an ownership
26			interest in the real estate investment trust. Constructive ownership
27			shall be determined by looking across multiple layers of a

I				multilayer pass-through structure; and
2		(c)	The	real estate investment trust is not owned by another real estate investment
3			trust	
4		<b>→</b> S	ection	2. KRS 131.020 is amended to read as follows:
5	(1)	The	Depai	rtment of Revenue, headed by a commissioner appointed by the secretary
6		with	the a	pproval of the Governor, shall be organized into the following functional
7		units	s:	
8		(a)	Offic	ce of the Commissioner, which shall consist of:
9			1.	The Division of Protest Resolution, headed by a division director who
10				shall report directly to the commissioner. The division shall administer
11				the protest functions for the department from office resolution through
12				court action; and
13			2.	The Division of Taxpayer Ombudsman, headed by a division director
14				who shall report to the commissioner. The division shall perform those
15				duties set out in KRS 131.083;
16		(b)	Offic	ce of Tax Policy and Regulation, headed by an executive director who
17			shall	report directly to the commissioner. The office shall be responsible for:
18			1.	Providing oral and written technical advice on Kentucky tax law;
19			2.	Drafting proposed tax legislation and regulations;
20			3.	Testifying before legislative committees on tax matters;
21			4.	Analyzing tax publications;
22			5.	Providing expert witness testimony in tax litigation cases;
23			6.	Providing consultation and assistance in protested tax cases; and
24			7.	Conducting training and education programs;
25		(c)	Offic	ce of Processing and Enforcement, headed by an executive director who
26			shall	report directly to the commissioner. The office shall be responsible for
27			proc	essing documents, depositing funds, collecting debt payments, and

1 coordinating, planning, and implementing a data integrity strategy. The office 2 shall consist of the: 3 1. Division of Operations, which shall be responsible for opening all tax 4 returns, preparing the returns for data capture, coordinating the data 5 capture process, depositing receipts, maintaining tax data, and assisting 6 other state agencies with similar operational aspects as negotiated 7 between the department and the other agency; 8 2. Division of Collections, which shall be responsible for initiating all 9 collection enforcement activity related to due and owing tax 10 assessments, including protest resolution, and for assisting other state 11 agencies with similar collection aspects as negotiated between the 12 department and the other state agency; and 13 3. Division of Registration and Data Integrity, which shall be responsible 14 for registering businesses for tax purposes, ensuring that the data entered 15 into the department's tax systems is accurate and complete, and assisting 16 the taxing areas in proper procedures to ensure the accuracy of the data 17 over time; 18 (d) Office of Property Valuation, headed by an executive director who shall report 19 directly to the commissioner. The office shall consist of the: 20 Division of Local Support, which shall be responsible for providing 1. 21 supervision, assistance, and training to the property valuation 22 administrators and sheriffs within the Commonwealth; 23 2. Division of State Valuation, which shall be responsible for providing 24 assessments of public service companies and motor vehicles, and 25 providing assistance to property valuation administrators and sheriffs 26 with the administration of tangible and omitted property taxes within the

Commonwealth; and

3. Division of Minerals Taxation and Geographical Information System
Services, which shall be responsible for providing geographical
information system mapping support, ensuring proper filing of severance
tax returns, ensuring consistency of unmined coal assessments, and
gathering and providing data to properly assess minerals to the property
valuation administrators within the Commonwealth;
(a) Office of Sales and Evaise Toyos, headed by an executive director who shall

- (e) Office of Sales and Excise Taxes, headed by an executive director who shall report directly to the commissioner. The office shall administer all matters relating to sales and use taxes and miscellaneous excise taxes, including but not limited to technical tax research, compliance, taxpayer assistance, taxspecific training, and publications. The office shall consist of the:
  - Division of Sales and Use Tax, which shall administer the sales and use tax; and
  - 2. Division of Miscellaneous Taxes, which shall administer various other taxes, including but not limited to alcoholic beverage taxes; cigarette enforcement fees, stamps, meters, and taxes; gasoline tax; bank franchise tax; inheritance and estate tax; insurance premiums and insurance surcharge taxes; motor vehicle tire fees and usage taxes; and special fuels taxes;
- (f) Office of Income Taxation, headed by an executive director who shall report directly to the commissioner. The office shall administer all matters related to income and corporation license taxes, including technical tax research, compliance, taxpayer assistance, tax-specific training, and publications. The office shall consist of the:
  - Division of Individual Income Tax, which shall administer the following taxes or returns: individual income, fiduciary, and employer withholding; and

1		2. Division of Corporation Tax, which shall administer the corporation
2		income tax, corporation license tax, pass-through entity withholding,
3		and pass-through entity reporting requirements; and
4		(g) Office of Field Operations, headed by an executive director who shall report
5		directly to the commissioner. The office shall manage the regional taxpayer
6		service centers and the field audit program.
7	(2)	The functions and duties of the department shall include conducting conferences,
8		administering taxpayer protests, and settling tax controversies on a fair and
9		equitable basis, taking into consideration the hazards of litigation to the
10		Commonwealth of Kentucky and the taxpayer. The mission of the department shall
11		be to afford an opportunity for taxpayers to have an independent informal review of
12		the determinations of the audit functions of the department, and to attempt to fairly
13		and equitably resolve tax controversies at the administrative level.
14	(3)	The department shall maintain an accounting structure for the one hundred twenty
15		(120) property valuation administrators' offices across the Commonwealth in order
16		to facilitate use of the state payroll system and the budgeting process.
17	(4)	Except as provided in KRS 131.190(3)[(4)], the department shall fully cooperate
18		with and make tax information available as prescribed under subsection (2)(p) of
19		Section 4 of this Act[KRS 131.190(2)] to the Governor's Office for Economic
20		Analysis as necessary for the office to perform the tax administration function
21		established in KRS 42.410.
22	(5)	Executive directors and division directors established under this section shall be
23		appointed by the secretary with the approval of the Governor.
24		→ Section 3. KRS 131.135 is amended to read as follows:
25	<del>[(1)</del>	-Beach employer subject to KRS Chapter 342 shall file annually with the
26	depa	rtment[ of Revenue], in accordance with administrative regulations, a report
27	prov	iding the policy number and the name and address of the employer's workers'

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compensation insurance carrier.

2	(2) The repo	rt may be made available to other state agencies notwithstanding the
3	confident	iality provisions of KRS 131.190.]
4	<b>→</b> Section	1 4. KRS 131.190 is amended to read as follows:
5	(1) <del>[ (a)]</del> No	present or former commissioner or employee of the department[ of
6	Revenue]	, present or former member of a county board of assessment appeals,
7	present of	r former property valuation administrator or employee, present or former
8	secretary	or employee of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, former secretary
9	or emplo	yee of the Revenue Cabinet, or any other person, shall intentionally and
10	without a	authorization inspect or divulge any information acquired by him of the
11	affairs of	any person, or information regarding the tax schedules, returns, or reports
12	required t	to be filed with the department or other proper officer, or any information
13	produced	by a hearing or investigation, insofar as the information may have to do
14	with the a	affairs of the person's business.
15	<u>(2)</u> [(b)] The	prohibition established by <u>subsection (1)</u> [paragraph (a)] of this <u>section</u>
16	<u>shall</u> [sub	section does] not extend to:
17	<u>(a)[1.]</u>	Information required in prosecutions for making false reports or returns
18	of p	roperty for taxation, or any other infraction of the tax laws;
19	<u>(b)[2.]</u>	Any matter properly entered upon any assessment record, or in any way
20	mad	le a matter of public record;
21	<u>(c)[3.]</u>	Furnishing any taxpayer or his properly authorized agent with
22	info	ormation respecting his own return;
23	<u>(d)</u> [4.]	Testimony provided by the commissioner or any employee of the
24	dep	artment[ of Revenue] in any court, or the introduction as evidence of
25	retu	rns or reports filed with the department, in an action for violation of state
26	or fe	ederal tax laws or in any action challenging state or federal tax laws;
27	<u>(e)[5.]</u>	Providing an owner of unmined coal, oil or gas reserves, and other

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1	mineral or energy resources assessed under KRS 132.820[(1)], or owners of
2	surface land under which the unmined minerals lie, factual information about
3	the owner's property derived from third-party returns filed for that owner's
4	property, under the provisions of KRS 132.820[(2)], that is used to determine
5	the owner's assessment. This information shall be provided to the owner on a
6	confidential basis, and the owner shall be subject to the penalties provided in
7	KRS 131.990(2)[(21)]. The third-party filer shall be given prior notice of any
8	disclosure of information to the owner that was provided by the third-party
9	filer;
10	(f)[6.] Providing to a third-party purchaser pursuant to an order entered in a
11	foreclosure action filed in a court of competent jurisdiction, factual
12	information related to the owner or lessee of coal, oil, gas reserves, or any
13	other mineral resources assessed under KRS 132.820[(1)]. The department
14	may promulgate an administrative regulation establishing a fee schedule for
15	the provision of the information described in this <u>paragraph</u> [subparagraph].
16	Any fee imposed shall not exceed the greater of the actual cost of providing
17	the information or ten dollars (\$10); [or]
18	(g)[7.] Providing information to a licensing agency, the Transportation Cabinet,
19	or the Kentucky Supreme Court under KRS 131.1817.;
20	(h) Statistics of gasoline and special fuels gallonage reported to the department
21	under KRS 138.210 to 138.448;
22	(i) Statistics of crude oil reported to the department under the crude oil excise
23	tax requirements of KRS Chapter 137;
24	(j) Statistics of natural gas production reported to the department under the
25	natural resources severance tax requirements of KRS Chapter 143A;
26	(k) Those portions of mine maps submitted by taxpayers to the department
27	pursuant to KRS Chapter 132 for ad valorem tax purposes that depict the

1		boundaries of minea-out parcel areas. These electronic maps shall not be
2		relied upon to determine actual boundaries of mined-out parcel areas.
3		Property boundaries contained in mine maps required under KRS Chapters
4		350 and 352 shall not be construed to constitute land surveying or boundary
5		surveys defined by KRS 322.010 and any administrative regulations;
6	<u>(l)</u>	Providing to other state agencies the report, filed with the department by an
7		employer, listing the policy number and the name and address of the
8		employer's workers' compensation insurance carrier under Section 3 of this
9		Act;
10	<u>(m)</u>	The name and address of a cigarette stamping agent or distributor and the
11		number of sticks by brand name that have been purchased from a
12		nonparticipating manufacturer and have been stamped with Kentucky
13		stamps by that agent or distributor provided by Section 5 of this Act;
14	<u>(n)</u>	A list of taxpayers that owe delinquent taxes or fees administered by the
15		department provided by Section 6 of this Act;
16	<u>(0)</u>	Providing any utility gross receipts license tax return information that is
17		necessary to administer the provisions of KRS 160.613 to 160.617 to
18		applicable school districts on a confidential basis;
19	<u>(p)</u>	Information made available by the department, for official use only and on
20		a confidential basis, to the proper officer, agency, board, or commission of
21		this state, any Kentucky city or county, any other state, or the federal
22		government, under reciprocal agreements whereby the department shall
23		receive similar or useful information in return; or
24	<u>(q)</u>	Providing information to the Legislative Research Commission under:
25		1. KRS 139.519 for purposes of the sales and use tax refund on building
26		materials used for disaster recovery;
2.7		2. KRS 141.436 for purposes of the energy efficiency products credits:

1	3. KRS 141.437 for purposes of the ENERGY STAR home and the
2	ENERGY STAR manufactured home credits;
3	4. Section 8 of this Act for purposes of the distilled spirits credit; or
4	5. Section 1 of this Act for purposes of the adjusted gross income
5	deduction for distributions from military pension plans.
6	(3)[(2) The commissioner shall make available any information for official use only
7	and on a confidential basis to the proper officer, agency, board or commission of
8	this state, any Kentucky county, any Kentucky city, any other state, or the federal
9	government, under reciprocal agreements whereby the department shall receive
10	similar or useful information in return.
11	(3) Statistics of tax paid gasoline gallonage reported monthly to the department of
12	Revenue under the gasoline excise tax law may be made public by the department.
13	(4)] Access to and inspection of information received from the Internal Revenue Service
14	is for department[ of Revenue] use only, and is restricted to tax administration
15	purposes.[ Notwithstanding the provisions of this section to the contrary,]
16	Information received from the Internal Revenue Service shall not be made available
17	to any other agency of state government, or any county, city, or other state, and shall
18	not be inspected intentionally and without authorization by any present secretary or
19	employee of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, commissioner or employee of
20	the department[ of Revenue], or any other person.
21	[(5) Statistics of crude oil as reported to the Department of Revenue under the crude oil
22	excise tax requirements of KRS Chapter 137 and statistics of natural gas production
23	as reported to the Department of Revenue under the natural resources severance tax
24	requirements of KRS Chapter 143A may be made public by the department by
25	release to the Energy and Environment Cabinet, Department for Natural Resources.
26	(6) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, beginning with mine-map
27	submissions for the 1989 tax year, the department may make public or divulge only

those portions of mine maps submitted by taxpayers to the department pursuant to KRS Chapter 132 for ad valorem tax purposes that depict the boundaries of mined-out parcel areas. These electronic maps shall not be relied upon to determine actual boundaries of mined-out parcel areas. Property boundaries contained in mine maps required under KRS Chapters 350 and 352 shall not be construed to constitute land surveying or boundary surveys as defined by KRS 322.010 and any administrative regulations promulgated thereto.

- (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, The department may divulge to the applicable school districts on a confidential basis any utility gross receipts license tax return information that is necessary to administer the provisions of KRS 160.613 to 160.617.]
- → Section 5. KRS 131.618 is amended to read as follows:

- [Notwithstanding KRS 131.190, ]The commissioner is authorized to disclose to the Attorney General the name and address of a stamping agent or distributor and the number of sticks by brand name that have been purchased from a nonparticipating manufacturer and have been stamped with Kentucky stamps by that agent or distributor. The Attorney General may share this information with federal, other state, or local agencies only for the purposes of enforcement of KRS 131.600 to 131.630 or corresponding laws of other states. The Attorney General is further authorized to disclose to a nonparticipating manufacturer or its importers this information that has been provided by a stamping agent regarding the purchases from that nonparticipating manufacturer or its importers. This information provided by a stamping agent may be used in any enforcement action against the nonparticipating manufacturer or its importers by the Attorney General.
- 25 (2) In addition to the information required to be submitted pursuant to KRS 131.608, 26 131.614, and 131.620, the Attorney General or the commissioner may require a 27 stamping agent, distributor, participating manufacturer, nonparticipating

manufacturer, or a nonparticipating manufacturer's importers to submit any
additional information including but not limited to samples of the packaging or
labeling of each brand family as is necessary to enable the Attorney General to
determine whether the participating manufacturer or the nonparticipating
manufacturer and its importers are in compliance with KRS 131.600 to 131.630.

→ Section 6. KRS 131.650 is amended to read as follows:

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- 7 (1) [Notwithstanding the provisions of KRS 131.190 or any other confidentiality law to
  8 the contrary, ]The department may publish a list or lists of taxpayers that owe
  9 delinquent taxes or fees administered by the department[of Revenue], and that meet
  10 the requirements of KRS 131.652.
- 11 (2) For purposes of this section, a taxpayer may be included on a list if:
- 12 (a) The taxes or fees owed remain unpaid at least forty-five (45) days after the dates they became due and payable; and
- 14 (b) A tax lien or judgment lien has been filed of public record against the taxpayer 15 before notice is given under KRS 131.654.
- 16 (3) In the case of listed taxpayers that are business entities, the department of Revenue may also list the names of responsible persons assessed pursuant to KRS 136.565, 138.885, 139.185, 141.340, and 142.357 for listed liabilities, who are not protected from publication by subsection (2) of this section, and for whom the requirements of KRS 131.652 are satisfied with regard to the personal assessment.
- 21 (4) Before any list is published under this section, the department shall document that
  22 each of the conditions for publication as provided in this section has been satisfied,
  23 and that procedures were followed to ensure the accuracy of the list and notice was
  24 given to the affected taxpayers.
- Section 7. KRS 131.990 is amended to read as follows:
- 26 (1) (a) Any person who violates the intentional unauthorized inspection provisions of KRS 131.190(1) shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or

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

- (c) Any person who violates the intentional unauthorized inspection provisions of KRS 131.190(3)[(4)] shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or imprisoned for not more than one (1) year, or both.
- (d) Any person who violates the provisions of KRS 131.190(3)[(4)] by divulging confidential taxpayer information shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or imprisoned for not more than five (5) years, or both.
- (e) Any present secretary or employee of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, commissioner or employee of the department, member of a county board of assessment appeals, property valuation administrator or employee, or any other person, who violates the provisions of KRS 131.190(1) or (3)[(4)] may, in addition to the penalties imposed under this subsection, be disqualified and removed from office or employment.
- 17 (2) Any person who willfully fails to comply with the rules and regulations 18 promulgated by the department for the administration of delinquent tax collections 19 shall be fined not less than twenty dollars (\$20) nor more than one thousand dollars 20 (\$1,000).
- 21 (3) Any person who fails to do any act required or does any act forbidden by KRS
  22 131.210 shall be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10) nor more than five hundred
  23 dollars (\$500).
- 24 (4) Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of KRS 131.155 shall, unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the department that the failure is due to reasonable cause, pay a penalty of one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the amount that should have been remitted under the provisions of KRS 131.155 for each failure to comply.

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

- (b) Any financial institution that fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of KRS 131.672 and 131.674 within one hundred twenty (120) days after the notification by the department shall, unless the failure is due to reasonable cause as defined in KRS 131.010, forfeit its right to do business within the Commonwealth, unless and until the financial institution is in compliance. Upon notification by the department, the commissioner of the Department of Financial Institutions shall, as applicable, revoke the authority of the financial institution or its agents to do business in the Commonwealth.
- (6) Any taxpayer or tax return preparer who fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of KRS 131.250 or an administrative regulation promulgated under KRS 131.250 shall, unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the department that the failure is due to reasonable cause, pay a return processing fee of ten dollars (\$10) for each return not filed as required.
- Section 8. KRS 141.389 is amended to read as follows:

- 22 (1) (a) There shall be allowed a nonrefundable and nontransferable credit to each taxpayer paying the distilled spirits ad valorem tax as follows:
  - 1. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, and before December 31, 2015, the credit shall be equal to twenty percent (20%) of the tax assessed under KRS 132.160 and paid under KRS 132.180 on a timely basis;

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1			2.	For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, and before			
2				December 31, 2016, the credit shall be equal to forty percent (40%) of			
3				the tax assessed under KRS 132.160 and paid under KRS 132.180 on a			
4				timely basis;			
5			3.	For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, and before			
6				December 31, 2017, the credit shall be equal to sixty percent (60%) of			
7				the tax assessed under KRS 132.160 and paid under KRS 132.180 on a			
8				timely basis;			
9			4.	For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, and before			
10				December 31, 2018, the credit shall be equal to eighty percent (80%) of			
11				the tax assessed under KRS 132.160 and paid under KRS 132.180 on a			
12				timely basis; and			
13			5.	For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, the credit shall			
14				be equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the tax assessed under KRS			
15				132.160 and paid under KRS 132.180 on a timely basis.			
16		(b)	The	credit shall be applied both to the income tax imposed under KRS			
17			141.	020 or 141.040 and to the limited liability entity tax imposed under KRS			
18			141.	0401, with the ordering of the credits as provided in KRS 141.0205.			
19	(2)	The	amou	ant of distilled spirits credit allowed under subsection (1) of this section			
20		shall be used only for capital improvements at the premises of the distiller license					
21		pursuant to KRS Chapter 243. As used in this subsection, "capital improven					
22		mea	ns any	y costs associated with:			
23		(a)	Con	struction, replacement, or remodeling of warehouses or facilities;			
24		(b)	Purc	chases of barrels and pallets used for the storage and aging of distilled			

manufacture, bottling, or shipment of distilled spirits;

Acquisition, construction, or installation of equipment for the use in the

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1		(d)	Addition or replacement of access roads or parking facilities; and				
2		(e)	Construction, replacement, or remodeling of facilities to market or promote				
3			tourism, including but not limited to a visitor's center.				
4	(3)	The	The distilled spirits credit allowed under subsection (1) of this section:				
5		(a)	May be accumulated for multiple taxable years;				
6		(b)	Shall be claimed on the return of the taxpayer filed for the taxable year during				
7			which the credits were used pursuant to subsection (2) of this section; and				
8		(c)	Shall not include:				
9			1. Any delinquent tax paid to the Commonwealth; or				
10			2. Any interest, fees, or penalty paid to the Commonwealth.				
11	(4)	(a)	Before the distilled spirits credit shall be allowed on any return, the capital				
12			improvements required by subsection (2) of this section shall be completed				
13			and specifically associated with the credit allowed on the return.				
14		(b)	The amount of distilled spirits credit allowed shall be recaptured if the capital				
15			improvement associated with the credit is sold or otherwise disposed of prior				
16			to the exhaustion of the useful life of the asset for Kentucky depreciation				
17			purposes.				
18		(c)	If the allowed credit is associated with multiple capital improvements, and not				
19			all capital improvements are sold or otherwise disposed of, the distilled spirits				
20			credit shall be prorated based on the cost of the capital improvement sold over				
21			the total cost of all improvements associated with the credit.				
22	(5)	If th	e taxpayer is a pass-through entity, the taxpayer may apply the credit against the				
23		limi	ted liability entity tax imposed by KRS 141.0401, and shall pass the credit				
24		through to its members, partners, or shareholders in the same proportion as the					
25		distr	ributive share of income or loss is passed through.				
26	(6)	The	department may promulgate an administrative regulation pursuant to KRS				

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Chapter 13A to implement the allowable credit under this section, require the filing

of forms designed by the department, and require specific information for the evaluation of the credit taken by any taxpayer.

- 3 (7) [Notwithstanding KRS 131.190, ]No later than September 1, 2016, and annually
- 4 thereafter, the department shall report to the Interim Joint Committee on
- 5 Appropriations and Revenue:
- 6 (a) The name of each taxpayer taking the credit permitted by subsection (1) of this section;
- 8 (b) The amount of credit taken by that taxpayer; and
- 9 (c) The type of capital improvement made for which the credit is claimed.