

1 AN ACT relating to an adoption tax credit.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 141 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) As used in this section, "qualified adoption expenses" has the same meaning as*
6 *in 26 U.S.C. sec. 23(d)(1).*

7 *(2) (a) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, but before*
8 *January 1, 2021, an individual may deduct from the tax computed under*
9 *KRS 141.020 a nonrefundable, nontransferable credit for qualified*
10 *adoption expenses incurred by the individual.*

11 *(b) The amount of the credit allowed in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall*
12 *be equal to twenty percent (20%) of the federal credit allowable under 26*
13 *U.S.C. sec. 23.*

14 *(c) Any credit in excess of the individual's tax liability may be carried forward*
15 *for up to five (5) taxable years.*

16 *(3) (a) The purpose of this tax credit is to assist families wishing to adopt children*
17 *with costs associated with the adoption.*

18 *(b) On or before November 1, 2018, and annually thereafter as long as the*
19 *credit is available, the department shall report to the Legislative Research*
20 *Commission:*

21 *1. The cumulative amount of tax credits claimed by individuals for each*
22 *taxable year;*

23 *2. The cumulative number of returns that claimed the credit for each*
24 *taxable year;*

25 *3. Based on the mailing address of the return, the cumulative total*
26 *amount of credits claimed by county for each taxable year; and*

27 *4. Based on ranges of adjusted gross income of no larger than five*

1 thousand dollars (\$5,000), the cumulative amount of tax credits
2 claimed by individuals for each adjusted gross income range for each
3 taxable year.

4 ➔Section 2. KRS 141.0205 is amended to read as follows:

5 If a taxpayer is entitled to more than one (1) of the tax credits allowed against the tax
6 imposed by KRS 141.020, 141.040, and 141.0401, the priority of application and use of
7 the credits shall be determined as follows:

8 (1) The nonrefundable business incentive credits against the tax imposed by KRS
9 141.020 shall be taken in the following order:

10 (a) 1. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2004, and before
11 January 1, 2007, the corporation income tax credit permitted by KRS
12 141.420(3)(a);

13 2. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2006, the limited
14 liability entity tax credit permitted by KRS 141.0401;

15 (b) The economic development credits computed under KRS 141.347, 141.381,
16 141.384, 141.400, 141.401, 141.402, 141.403, 141.407, 141.415, 154.12-
17 2088, and 154.27-080;

18 (c) The qualified farming operation credit permitted by KRS 141.412;

19 (d) The certified rehabilitation credit permitted by KRS 171.397(1)(a);

20 (e) The health insurance credit permitted by KRS 141.062;

21 (f) The tax paid to other states credit permitted by KRS 141.070;

22 (g) The credit for hiring the unemployed permitted by KRS 141.065;

23 (h) The recycling or composting equipment credit permitted by KRS 141.390;

24 (i) The tax credit for cash contributions in investment funds permitted by KRS
25 154.20-263 in effect prior to July 15, 2002, and the credit permitted by KRS
26 154.20-258;

27 (j) The coal incentive credit permitted ~~by~~ ~~under~~ KRS 141.0405;

- 1 (k) The research facilities credit permitted ~~by~~~~under~~ KRS 141.395;
- 2 (l) The employer GED incentive credit permitted ~~by~~~~under~~ KRS 164.0062;
- 3 (m) The voluntary environmental remediation credit permitted by KRS 141.418;
- 4 (n) The biodiesel and renewable diesel credit permitted by KRS 141.423;
- 5 (o) The environmental stewardship credit permitted by KRS 154.48-025;
- 6 (p) The clean coal incentive credit permitted by KRS 141.428;
- 7 (q) The ethanol credit permitted by KRS 141.4242;
- 8 (r) The cellulosic ethanol credit permitted by KRS 141.4244;
- 9 (s) The energy efficiency credits permitted by KRS 141.436;
- 10 (t) The railroad maintenance and improvement credit permitted by KRS 141.385;
- 11 (u) The Endow Kentucky credit permitted by KRS 141.438;
- 12 (v) The New Markets Development Program credit permitted by KRS 141.434;
- 13 (w) The food donation credit permitted by KRS 141.392;
- 14 (x) The distilled spirits credit permitted by KRS 141.389; and
- 15 (y) The angel investor credit permitted by KRS 141.396.
- 16 (2) After the application of the nonrefundable credits in subsection (1) of this section,
- 17 the nonrefundable personal tax credits against the tax imposed by KRS 141.020
- 18 shall be taken in the following order:
- 19 (a) The individual credits permitted by KRS 141.020(3);
- 20 (b) The credit permitted by KRS 141.066;
- 21 (c) The tuition credit permitted by KRS 141.069;
- 22 (d) The household and dependent care credit permitted by KRS 141.067;~~and~~
- 23 (e) The new home credit permitted by KRS 141.388; **and**
- 24 **(f) The adoption tax credit permitted by Section 1 of this Act.**
- 25 (3) After the application of the nonrefundable credits provided for in subsection (2) of
- 26 this section, the refundable credits against the tax imposed by KRS 141.020 shall be
- 27 taken in the following order:

- 1 (a) The individual withholding tax credit permitted by KRS 141.350;
- 2 (b) The individual estimated tax payment credit permitted by KRS 141.305;
- 3 (c) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2004, and before January 1,
- 4 2007, the corporation income tax credit permitted by KRS 141.420(3)(c);
- 5 (d) The certified rehabilitation credit permitted by KRS 171.3961 and
- 6 171.397(1)(b); and
- 7 (e) The film industry tax credit allowed by KRS 141.383.
- 8 (4) The nonrefundable credit permitted by KRS 141.0401 shall be applied against the
- 9 tax imposed by KRS 141.040.
- 10 (5) The following nonrefundable credits shall be applied against the sum of the tax
- 11 imposed by KRS 141.040 after subtracting the credit provided for in subsection (4)
- 12 of this section, and the tax imposed by KRS 141.0401 in the following order:
- 13 (a) The economic development credits computed under KRS 141.347, 141.381,
- 14 141.384, 141.400, 141.401, 141.402, 141.403, 141.407, 141.415, 154.12-
- 15 2088, and 154.27-080;
- 16 (b) The qualified farming operation credit permitted by KRS 141.412;
- 17 (c) The certified rehabilitation credit permitted by KRS 171.397(1)(a);
- 18 (d) The health insurance credit permitted by KRS 141.062;
- 19 (e) The unemployment credit permitted by KRS 141.065;
- 20 (f) The recycling or composting equipment credit permitted by KRS 141.390;
- 21 (g) The coal conversion credit permitted by KRS 141.041;
- 22 (h) The enterprise zone credit permitted by KRS 154.45-090, for taxable periods
- 23 ending prior to January 1, 2008;
- 24 (i) The tax credit for cash contributions to investment funds permitted by KRS
- 25 154.20-263 in effect prior to July 15, 2002, and the credit permitted by KRS
- 26 154.20-258;
- 27 (j) The coal incentive credit permitted ~~by~~ ~~under~~ KRS 141.0405;

- 1 (k) The research facilities credit permitted ~~by~~~~under~~ KRS 141.395;
- 2 (l) The employer GED incentive credit permitted ~~by~~~~under~~ KRS 164.0062;
- 3 (m) The voluntary environmental remediation credit permitted by KRS 141.418;
- 4 (n) The biodiesel and renewable diesel credit permitted by KRS 141.423;
- 5 (o) The environmental stewardship credit permitted by KRS 154.48-025;
- 6 (p) The clean coal incentive credit permitted by KRS 141.428;
- 7 (q) The ethanol credit permitted by KRS 141.4242;
- 8 (r) The cellulosic ethanol credit permitted by KRS 141.4244;
- 9 (s) The energy efficiency credits permitted by KRS 141.436;
- 10 (t) The ENERGY STAR home or ENERGY STAR manufactured home credit
- 11 permitted by KRS 141.437;
- 12 (u) The railroad maintenance and improvement credit permitted by KRS 141.385;
- 13 (v) The railroad expansion credit permitted by KRS 141.386;
- 14 (w) The Endow Kentucky credit permitted by KRS 141.438;
- 15 (x) The New Markets Development Program credit permitted by KRS 141.434;
- 16 (y) The food donation credit permitted by KRS 141.392; and
- 17 (z) The distilled spirits credit permitted by KRS 141.389.
- 18 (6) After the application of the nonrefundable credits in subsection (5) of this section,
- 19 the refundable credits shall be taken in the following order:
- 20 (a) The corporation estimated tax payment credit permitted by KRS 141.044;
- 21 (b) The certified rehabilitation credit permitted by KRS 171.3961 and
- 22 171.397(1)(b); and
- 23 (c) The film industry tax credit allowed in KRS 141.383.
- 24 ➔Section 3. KRS 131.190 is amended to read as follows:
- 25 (1)~~[(a)]~~ No present or former commissioner or employee of the department ~~[of~~
- 26 ~~Revenue]~~, present or former member of a county board of assessment appeals,
- 27 present or former property valuation administrator or employee, present or former

1 secretary or employee of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, former secretary
2 or employee of the Revenue Cabinet, or any other person, shall intentionally and
3 without authorization inspect or divulge any information acquired by him of the
4 affairs of any person, or information regarding the tax schedules, returns, or reports
5 required to be filed with the department or other proper officer, or any information
6 produced by a hearing or investigation, insofar as the information may have to do
7 with the affairs of the person's business.

8 ~~(2)(b)~~ The prohibition established by subsection (1)~~paragraph (a)~~ of this section
9 shall~~subsection does~~ not extend to:

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

12 ~~(b)(2)~~ Any matter properly entered upon any assessment record, or in any way
13 made a matter of public record;

14 ~~(c)(3)~~ Furnishing any taxpayer or his properly authorized agent with
15 information respecting his own return;

16 ~~(d)(4)~~ Testimony provided by the commissioner or any employee of the
17 department~~of Revenue~~ in any court, or the introduction as evidence of
18 returns or reports filed with the department, in an action for violation of state
19 or federal tax laws or in any action challenging state or federal tax laws;

20 ~~(e)(5)~~ Providing an owner of unmined coal, oil or gas reserves, and other
21 mineral or energy resources assessed under KRS 132.820~~(1)~~, or owners of
22 surface land under which the unmined minerals lie, factual information about
23 the owner's property derived from third-party returns filed for that owner's
24 property, under the provisions of KRS 132.820~~(2)~~, that is used to determine
25 the owner's assessment. This information shall be provided to the owner on a
26 confidential basis, and the owner shall be subject to the penalties provided in
27 KRS 131.990(2). The third-party filer shall be given prior notice of any

1 disclosure of information to the owner that was provided by the third-party
2 filer;

3 ~~(f)~~⁶ Providing to a third-party purchaser pursuant to an order entered in a
4 foreclosure action filed in a court of competent jurisdiction, factual
5 information related to the owner or lessee of coal, oil, gas reserves, or any
6 other mineral resources assessed under KRS 132.820~~(1)~~. The department
7 may promulgate an administrative regulation establishing a fee schedule for
8 the provision of the information described in this ~~paragraph~~^{subparagraph}.
9 Any fee imposed shall not exceed the greater of the actual cost of providing
10 the information or ten dollars (\$10);~~or~~

11 ~~(g)~~⁷ Providing information to a licensing agency, the Transportation Cabinet,
12 or the Kentucky Supreme Court under KRS 131.1817;

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

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

17 **(j) Statistics of natural gas production reported to the department under the**
18 **natural resources severance tax requirements of KRS Chapter 143A;**

19 **(k) Those portions of mine maps submitted by taxpayers to the department**
20 **pursuant to KRS Chapter 132 for ad valorem tax purposes that depict the**
21 **boundaries of mined-out parcel areas. These electronic maps shall not be**
22 **relied upon to determine actual boundaries of mined-out parcel areas.**
23 **Property boundaries contained in mine maps required under KRS Chapters**
24 **350 and 352 shall not be construed to constitute land surveying or boundary**
25 **surveys defined by KRS 322.010 and any administrative regulations;**

26 **(l) Providing to other state agencies the report, filed with the department by an**
27 **employer, listing the policy number and the name and address of the**

1 employer's workers' compensation insurance carrier under Section 4 of this
2 Act;

3 (m) The name and address of a cigarette stamping agent or distributor and the
4 number of sticks by brand name that have been purchased from a
5 nonparticipating manufacturer and have been stamped with Kentucky
6 stamps by that agent or distributor provided by Section 5 of this Act;

7 (n) A list of taxpayers that owe delinquent taxes or fees administered by the
8 department provided by Section 6 of this Act;

9 (o) Providing any utility gross receipts license tax return information that is
10 necessary to administer the provisions of KRS 160.613 to 160.617 to
11 applicable school districts on a confidential basis;

12 (p) Information made available by the department, for official use only and on
13 a confidential basis, to the proper officer, agency, board, or commission of
14 this state, any Kentucky city or county, any other state, or the federal
15 government, under reciprocal agreements whereby the department shall
16 receive similar or useful information in return; or

17 (q) Providing information to the Legislative Research Commission under:

18 1. KRS 139.519 for purposes of the sales and use tax refund on building
19 materials used for disaster recovery;

20 2. KRS 141.436 for purposes of the energy efficiency products credits;

21 3. KRS 141.437 for purposes of the ENERGY STAR home and the
22 ENERGY STAR manufactured home credits;

23 4. Section 8 of this Act for purposes of the distilled spirits credit; or

24 5. Section 1 of this Act for purposes of the adoption credit.

25 ~~(3) [(2) — The commissioner shall make available any information for official use only~~
26 ~~and on a confidential basis to the proper officer, agency, board or commission of~~
27 ~~this state, any Kentucky county, any Kentucky city, any other state, or the federal~~

1 ~~government, under reciprocal agreements whereby the department shall receive~~
2 ~~similar or useful information in return.~~

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

5 ~~(4)~~ Access to and inspection of information received from the Internal Revenue Service
6 is for department~~[of Revenue]~~ use only, and is restricted to tax administration
7 purposes.~~[Notwithstanding the provisions of this section to the contrary,]~~
8 Information received from the Internal Revenue Service shall not be made available
9 to any other agency of state government, or any county, city, or other state, and shall
10 not be inspected intentionally and without authorization by any present secretary or
11 employee of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, commissioner or employee of
12 the department~~[of Revenue]~~, or any other person.

13 ~~[(5) Statistics of crude oil as reported to the Department of Revenue under the crude oil~~
14 ~~excise tax requirements of KRS Chapter 137 and statistics of natural gas production~~
15 ~~as reported to the Department of Revenue under the natural resources severance tax~~
16 ~~requirements of KRS Chapter 143A may be made public by the department by~~
17 ~~release to the Energy and Environment Cabinet, Department for Natural Resources.~~

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

27 ~~(7) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, The~~

1 ~~department may divulge to the applicable school districts on a confidential basis any~~
2 ~~utility gross receipts license tax return information that is necessary to administer~~
3 ~~the provisions of KRS 160.613 to 160.617.]~~

4 ➔Section 4. KRS 131.135 is amended to read as follows:

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

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

11 ➔Section 5. KRS 131.618 is amended to read as follows:

12 (1) ~~[Notwithstanding KRS 131.190,]~~The commissioner is authorized to disclose to the
13 Attorney General the name and address of a stamping agent or distributor and the
14 number of sticks by brand name that have been purchased from a nonparticipating
15 manufacturer and have been stamped with Kentucky stamps by that agent or
16 distributor. The Attorney General may share this information with federal, other
17 state, or local agencies only for the purposes of enforcement of KRS 131.600 to
18 131.630 or corresponding laws of other states. The Attorney General is further
19 authorized to disclose to a nonparticipating manufacturer or its importers this
20 information that has been provided by a stamping agent regarding the purchases
21 from that nonparticipating manufacturer or its importers. This information provided
22 by a stamping agent may be used in any enforcement action against the
23 nonparticipating manufacturer or its importers by the Attorney General.

24 (2) In addition to the information required to be submitted pursuant to KRS 131.608,
25 131.614, and 131.620, the Attorney General or the commissioner may require a
26 stamping agent, distributor, participating manufacturer, nonparticipating
27 manufacturer, or a nonparticipating manufacturer's importers to submit any

1 additional information including but not limited to samples of the packaging or
2 labeling of each brand family as is necessary to enable the Attorney General to
3 determine whether the participating manufacturer or the nonparticipating
4 manufacturer and its importers are in compliance with KRS 131.600 to 131.630.

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

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

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

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

13 (b) A tax lien or judgment lien has been filed of public record against the taxpayer
14 before notice is given under KRS 131.654.

15 (3) In the case of listed taxpayers that are business entities, the department~~[of~~
16 ~~Revenue]~~ may also list the names of responsible persons assessed pursuant to KRS
17 136.565, 138.885, 139.185, 141.340, and 142.357 for listed liabilities, who are not
18 protected from publication by subsection (2) of this section, and for whom the
19 requirements of KRS 131.652 are satisfied with regard to the personal assessment.

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

24 ➔Section 7. KRS 131.990 is amended to read as follows:

25 (1) Any person who fails or refuses to obey a subpoena or order of the Kentucky Board
26 of Tax Appeals made pursuant to KRS Chapter 13B shall be fined not less than
27 twenty-five dollars (\$25) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500).

- 1 (2) (a) Any person who violates the intentional unauthorized inspection provisions of
2 KRS 131.190(1) shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or
3 imprisoned for not more than six (6) months, or both.
- 4 (b) Any person who violates the provisions of KRS 131.190(1) by divulging
5 confidential taxpayer information shall be fined not more than one thousand
6 dollars (\$1,000) or imprisoned for not more than one (1) year, or both.
- 7 (c) Any person who violates the intentional unauthorized inspection provisions of
8 KRS 131.190~~(3)~~~~(4)~~ shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars
9 (\$1,000) or imprisoned for not more than one (1) year, or both.
- 10 (d) Any person who violates the provisions of KRS 131.190~~(3)~~~~(4)~~ by divulging
11 confidential taxpayer information shall be fined not more than five thousand
12 dollars (\$5,000) or imprisoned for not more than five (5) years, or both.
- 13 (e) Any present secretary or employee of the Finance and Administration Cabinet,
14 commissioner or employee of the department, member of a county board of
15 assessment appeals, property valuation administrator or employee, or any
16 other person, who violates the provisions of KRS 131.190(1) or ~~(3)~~~~(4)~~ may,
17 in addition to the penalties imposed under this subsection, be disqualified and
18 removed from office or employment.
- 19 (3) Any person who willfully fails to comply with the rules and regulations
20 promulgated by the department for the administration of delinquent tax collections
21 shall be fined not less than twenty dollars (\$20) nor more than one thousand dollars
22 (\$1,000).
- 23 (4) Any person who fails to do any act required or does any act forbidden by KRS
24 131.210 shall be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10) nor more than five hundred
25 dollars (\$500).
- 26 (5) Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of KRS 131.155 shall, unless it
27 is shown to the satisfaction of the department that the failure is due to reasonable

1 cause, pay a penalty of one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the amount that should
2 have been remitted under the provisions of KRS 131.155 for each failure to comply.

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

10 (b) Any financial institution that fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of
11 KRS 131.672 and 131.674 within one hundred twenty (120) days after the
12 notification by the department shall, unless the failure is due to reasonable
13 cause as defined in KRS 131.010, forfeit its right to do business within the
14 Commonwealth, unless and until the financial institution is in compliance.
15 Upon notification by the department, the commissioner of the Department of
16 Financial Institutions shall, as applicable, revoke the authority of the financial
17 institution or its agents to do business in the Commonwealth.

18 (7) Any taxpayer or tax return preparer who fails or refuses to comply with the
19 provisions of KRS 131.250 or an administrative regulation promulgated under KRS
20 131.250 shall, unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the department that the failure
21 is due to reasonable cause, pay a return processing fee of ten dollars (\$10) for each
22 return not filed as required.

23 ➔Section 8. KRS 141.389 is amended to read as follows:

24 (1) (a) There shall be allowed a nonrefundable and nontransferable credit to each
25 taxpayer paying the distilled spirits ad valorem tax as follows:

26 1. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, and before
27 December 31, 2015, the credit shall be equal to twenty percent (20%) of

- 1 the tax assessed under KRS 132.160 and paid under KRS 132.180 on a
2 timely basis;
- 3 2. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, and before
4 December 31, 2016, the credit shall be equal to forty percent (40%) of
5 the tax assessed under KRS 132.160 and paid under KRS 132.180 on a
6 timely basis;
- 7 3. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, and before
8 December 31, 2017, the credit shall be equal to sixty percent (60%) of
9 the tax assessed under KRS 132.160 and paid under KRS 132.180 on a
10 timely basis;
- 11 4. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, and before
12 December 31, 2018, the credit shall be equal to eighty percent (80%) of
13 the tax assessed under KRS 132.160 and paid under KRS 132.180 on a
14 timely basis; and
- 15 5. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, the credit shall
16 be equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the tax assessed under KRS
17 132.160 and paid under KRS 132.180 on a timely basis.
- 18 (b) The credit shall be applied both to the income tax imposed under KRS
19 141.020 or 141.040 and to the limited liability entity tax imposed under KRS
20 141.0401, with the ordering of the credits as provided in KRS 141.0205.
- 21 (2) The amount of distilled spirits credit allowed under subsection (1) of this section
22 shall be used only for capital improvements at the premises of the distiller licensed
23 pursuant to KRS Chapter 243. As used in this subsection, "capital improvement"
24 means any costs associated with:
- 25 (a) Construction, replacement, or remodeling of warehouses or facilities;
- 26 (b) Purchases of barrels and pallets used for the storage and aging of distilled
27 spirits in maturing warehouses;

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 ➔Section 9. KRS 131.020 is amended to read as follows:

13 (1) The department~~[of Revenue]~~, headed by a commissioner appointed by the secretary
14 with the approval of the Governor, shall be organized into the following functional
15 units:

16 (a) Office of the Commissioner~~[of the Department of Revenue]~~, which shall
17 consist of:

18 1. The Division of Special Investigations, headed by a division director
19 who shall report to the commissioner. The division shall investigate
20 alleged violations of the tax laws and recommend criminal prosecution
21 of the laws as warranted; and

22 2. The Division of Taxpayer Ombudsman, headed by a division director
23 who is appointed by the secretary pursuant to KRS 12.050, and who
24 shall report to the commissioner. The division shall perform those duties
25 set out in KRS 131.083;

26 (b) Office of Processing and Enforcement, headed by an executive director who
27 shall report directly to the commissioner. The office shall be responsible for

1 processing documents, depositing funds, collecting debt payments, and
2 coordinating, planning, and implementing a data integrity strategy. The office
3 shall consist of the:

- 4 1. Division of Operations, which shall be responsible for opening all tax
5 returns, preparing the returns for data capture, coordinating the data
6 capture process, depositing receipts, maintaining tax data, and assisting
7 other state agencies with similar operational aspects as negotiated
8 between the department and the other agency;
- 9 2. Division of Collections, which shall be responsible for initiating all
10 collection enforcement activity related to due and owing tax
11 assessments, including protest resolution, and for assisting other state
12 agencies with similar collection aspects as negotiated between the
13 department and the other state agency;
- 14 3. Division of Registration and Data Integrity, which shall be responsible
15 for registering businesses for tax purposes, ensuring that the data entered
16 into the department's tax systems is accurate and complete, and assisting
17 the taxing areas in proper procedures to ensure the accuracy of the data
18 over time; and
- 19 4. Division of Protest Resolution, which shall be responsible for ensuring
20 an independent review of tax disputes. The division shall administer the
21 protest functions for the department from office resolution through court
22 action;

23 (c) Office of Property Valuation, ~~[- The Office of Property Valuation shall be]~~
24 headed by an executive director who shall report directly to the commissioner.
25 The office shall consist of the:

- 26 1. Division of Local Support, which shall be responsible for providing
27 supervision, assistance, and training to the property valuation

- 1 administrators and sheriffs within the Commonwealth;
- 2 2. Division of State Valuation, which shall be responsible for providing
- 3 assessments of public service companies and motor vehicles, and
- 4 providing assistance to property valuation administrators and sheriffs
- 5 with the administration of tangible and omitted property taxes within the
- 6 Commonwealth; and
- 7 3. Division of Minerals Taxation and Geographical Information System
- 8 Services, which shall be responsible for providing geographical
- 9 information system mapping support, ensuring proper filing of severance
- 10 tax returns, ensuring consistency of unmined coal assessments, and
- 11 gathering and providing data to properly assess minerals to the property
- 12 valuation administrators within the Commonwealth;
- 13 (d) Office of Sales and Excise Taxes, headed by an executive director who shall
- 14 report directly to the commissioner. The office shall administer all matters
- 15 relating to sales and use taxes and miscellaneous excise taxes, including but
- 16 not limited to technical tax research, compliance, taxpayer assistance, tax-
- 17 specific training, and publications. The office shall consist of the:
- 18 1. Division of Sales and Use Tax, which shall administer the sales and use
- 19 tax; and
- 20 2. Division of Miscellaneous Taxes, which shall administer various other
- 21 taxes, including but not limited to alcoholic beverage taxes; cigarette
- 22 enforcement fees, stamps, meters, and taxes; gasoline tax; bank
- 23 franchise tax; inheritance and estate tax; insurance premiums and
- 24 insurance surcharge taxes; motor vehicle tire fees and usage taxes; and
- 25 special fuels taxes;
- 26 (e) Office of Income Taxation, headed by an executive director who shall report
- 27 directly to the commissioner. The office shall administer all matters related to

- 1 income and corporation license taxes, including technical tax research,
2 compliance, taxpayer assistance, tax-specific training, and publications. The
3 office shall consist of the:
- 4 1. Division of Individual Income Tax, which shall administer the following
5 taxes or returns: individual income, fiduciary, and employer
6 withholding; and
 - 7 2. Division of Corporation Tax, which shall administer the corporation
8 income tax, corporation license tax, pass-through entity withholding,
9 and pass-through entity reporting requirements; and
- 10 (f) Office of Field Operations, headed by an executive director who shall report
11 directly to the commissioner. The office shall manage the regional taxpayer
12 service centers and the field audit program.
- 13 (2) The functions and duties of the department shall include conducting conferences,
14 administering taxpayer protests, and settling tax controversies on a fair and
15 equitable basis, taking into consideration the hazards of litigation to the
16 Commonwealth of Kentucky and the taxpayer. The mission of the department shall
17 be to afford an opportunity for taxpayers to have an independent informal review of
18 the determinations of the audit functions of the department, and to attempt to fairly
19 and equitably resolve tax controversies at the administrative level.
- 20 (3) The department shall maintain an accounting structure for the one hundred twenty
21 (120) property valuation administrators' offices across the Commonwealth in order
22 to facilitate use of the state payroll system and the budgeting process.
- 23 (4) Except as provided in KRS 131.190(3)~~[(4)]~~, the department shall fully cooperate
24 with and make tax information available as prescribed under KRS 131.190(2)(p) to
25 the Governor's Office for Economic Analysis as necessary for the office to perform
26 the tax administration function established in KRS 42.410.
- 27 (5) Executive directors and division directors established under this section shall be

1 appointed by the secretary with the approval of the Governor.