

1 AN ACT relating to taxation.

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:*

6 *(a) "Apparently wholesome food" means prepared food that meets all quality*  
7 *and labeling standards imposed by federal, state, and local laws and*  
8 *regulations even though the food may not be readily marketable due to*  
9 *appearance, age, freshness, grade, size, surplus, or other conditions;*

10 *(b) "Prepared food" means:*

11 *1. Food which is cooked or heated by the qualifying taxpayer;*

12 *2. Two (2) or more ingredients mixed together to be eaten as a single*  
13 *item; or*

14 *3. Any ingredients supplied for ingestion or chewing by humans that are*  
15 *consumed for their taste or nutritional value;*

16 *(c) "Qualifying taxpayer" means any restaurant making a donation of*  
17 *apparently wholesome food in Kentucky; and*

18 *(d) "Restaurant" means any facility:*

19 *1. Which is operated for profit;*

20 *2. Where the usual and customary business is the serving of meals to*  
21 *consumers;*

22 *3. Which has a kitchen within the facility; and*

23 *4. Which receives at least seventy percent (70%) of its gross receipts from*  
24 *the sale of prepared food and beverages.*

25 *(2) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, but before January 1,*  
26 *2021, there shall be a refundable, but nontransferable, apparently wholesome*  
27 *food tax credit allowed against the tax imposed by KRS 141.020 or 141.040 and*

1 141.0401, with the ordering of the credit as provided by Section 2 of this Act, for  
2 each qualifying taxpayer in an amount equal to twenty percent (20%) of the fair  
3 market value of apparently wholesome food donated in Kentucky.

4 (3) If the qualifying taxpayer claims the tax credit provided by subsection (2) of this  
5 section, the qualifying taxpayer shall only be allowed a charitable deduction on  
6 the Kentucky income tax return equal to eighty percent (80%) of the allowable  
7 federal charitable contribution deduction claimed related to the apparently  
8 wholesome food.

9 (4) If the taxpayer is a pass-through entity not subject to the tax under KRS 141.040,  
10 the amount of approved credit shall be applied against the tax imposed by KRS  
11 141.0401 at the entity level, and shall also be distributed to each partner, member,  
12 or shareholder based on the partner's, member's, or shareholder's distributive  
13 share of the income of the pass-through entity.

14 (5) On or before December 1, 2018, and annually on or before each December 1  
15 thereafter as long as this credit is permitted, the Department of Revenue shall  
16 report to the Legislative Research Commission:

17 (a) The cumulative amount of tax credits claimed by taxpayers under this  
18 section for each taxable year;

19 (b) The number of taxpayers that claimed the credit under this section for each  
20 taxable year;

21 (c) Based on the mailing address of the return, the total amount of credits  
22 under this section claimed by county for each taxable year; and

23 (d) Based on ranges of adjusted gross income of no larger than five thousand  
24 dollars (\$5,000), the total amount of credits claimed under this section for  
25 each adjusted gross income range for each taxable year.

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

27 If a taxpayer is entitled to more than one (1) of the tax credits allowed against the tax

1 imposed by KRS 141.020, 141.040, and 141.0401, the priority of application and use of  
2 the credits shall be determined as follows:

3 (1) The nonrefundable business incentive credits against the tax imposed by KRS  
4 141.020 shall be taken in the following order:

- 5 (a) 1. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2004, and before  
6 January 1, 2007, the corporation income tax credit permitted by KRS  
7 141.420(3)(a);
- 8 2. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2006, the limited  
9 liability entity tax credit permitted by KRS 141.0401;
- 10 (b) The economic development credits computed under KRS 141.347, 141.381,  
11 141.384, 141.400, 141.401, 141.402, 141.403, 141.407, 141.415, 154.12-  
12 2088, and 154.27-080;
- 13 (c) The qualified farming operation credit permitted by KRS 141.412;
- 14 (d) The certified rehabilitation credit permitted by KRS 171.397(1)(a);
- 15 (e) The health insurance credit permitted by KRS 141.062;
- 16 (f) The tax paid to other states credit permitted by KRS 141.070;
- 17 (g) The credit for hiring the unemployed permitted by KRS 141.065;
- 18 (h) The recycling or composting equipment credit permitted by KRS 141.390;
- 19 (i) The tax credit for cash contributions in investment funds permitted by KRS  
20 154.20-263 in effect prior to July 15, 2002, and the credit permitted by KRS  
21 154.20-258;
- 22 (j) The coal incentive credit permitted ~~by~~under KRS 141.0405;
- 23 (k) The research facilities credit permitted ~~by~~under KRS 141.395;
- 24 (l) The employer GED incentive credit permitted ~~by~~under KRS 164.0062;
- 25 (m) The voluntary environmental remediation credit permitted by KRS 141.418;
- 26 (n) The biodiesel and renewable diesel credit permitted by KRS 141.423;
- 27 (o) The environmental stewardship credit permitted by KRS 154.48-025;

- 1 (p) The clean coal incentive credit permitted by KRS 141.428;
- 2 (q) The ethanol credit permitted by KRS 141.4242;
- 3 (r) The cellulosic ethanol credit permitted by KRS 141.4244;
- 4 (s) The energy efficiency credits permitted by KRS 141.436;
- 5 (t) The railroad maintenance and improvement credit permitted by KRS 141.385;
- 6 (u) The Endow Kentucky credit permitted by KRS 141.438;
- 7 (v) The New Markets Development Program credit permitted by KRS 141.434;
- 8 (w) The food donation credit permitted by KRS 141.392;
- 9 (x) The distilled spirits credit permitted by KRS 141.389; and
- 10 (y) The angel investor credit permitted by KRS 141.396.
- 11 (2) After the application of the nonrefundable credits in subsection (1) of this section,
- 12 the nonrefundable personal tax credits against the tax imposed by KRS 141.020
- 13 shall be taken in the following order:
- 14 (a) The individual credits permitted by KRS 141.020(3);
- 15 (b) The credit permitted by KRS 141.066;
- 16 (c) The tuition credit permitted by KRS 141.069;
- 17 (d) The household and dependent care credit permitted by KRS 141.067; and
- 18 (e) The new home credit permitted by KRS 141.388.
- 19 (3) After the application of the nonrefundable credits provided for in subsection (2) of
- 20 this section, the refundable credits against the tax imposed by KRS 141.020 shall be
- 21 taken in the following order:
- 22 (a) The individual withholding tax credit permitted by KRS 141.350;
- 23 (b) The individual estimated tax payment credit permitted by KRS 141.305;
- 24 (c) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2004, and before January 1,
- 25 2007, the corporation income tax credit permitted by KRS 141.420(3)(c);
- 26 (d) The certified rehabilitation credit permitted by KRS 171.3961 and
- 27 171.397(1)(b); and

- 1 (e) The film industry tax credit ~~permitted~~~~[allowed]~~ by KRS 141.383; and
- 2 (f) *The apparently wholesome food tax credit permitted by Section 1 of this Act.*
- 3 (4) The nonrefundable credit permitted by KRS 141.0401 shall be applied against the
- 4 tax imposed by KRS 141.040.
- 5 (5) The following nonrefundable credits shall be applied against the sum of the tax
- 6 imposed by KRS 141.040 after subtracting the credit provided for in subsection (4)
- 7 of this section, and the tax imposed by KRS 141.0401 in the following order:
- 8 (a) The economic development credits computed under KRS 141.347, 141.381,
- 9 141.384, 141.400, 141.401, 141.402, 141.403, 141.407, 141.415, 154.12-
- 10 2088, and 154.27-080;
- 11 (b) The qualified farming operation credit permitted by KRS 141.412;
- 12 (c) The certified rehabilitation credit permitted by KRS 171.397(1)(a);
- 13 (d) The health insurance credit permitted by KRS 141.062;
- 14 (e) The unemployment credit permitted by KRS 141.065;
- 15 (f) The recycling or composting equipment credit permitted by KRS 141.390;
- 16 (g) The coal conversion credit permitted by KRS 141.041;
- 17 (h) The enterprise zone credit permitted by KRS 154.45-090, for taxable periods
- 18 ending prior to January 1, 2008;
- 19 (i) The tax credit for cash contributions to investment funds permitted by KRS
- 20 154.20-263 in effect prior to July 15, 2002, and the credit permitted by KRS
- 21 154.20-258;
- 22 (j) The coal incentive credit permitted ~~by~~~~[under]~~ KRS 141.0405;
- 23 (k) The research facilities credit permitted ~~by~~~~[under]~~ KRS 141.395;
- 24 (l) The employer GED incentive credit permitted ~~by~~~~[under]~~ KRS 164.0062;
- 25 (m) The voluntary environmental remediation credit permitted by KRS 141.418;
- 26 (n) The biodiesel and renewable diesel credit permitted by KRS 141.423;
- 27 (o) The environmental stewardship credit permitted by KRS 154.48-025;

- 1 (p) The clean coal incentive credit permitted by KRS 141.428;  
 2 (q) The ethanol credit permitted by KRS 141.4242;  
 3 (r) The cellulosic ethanol credit permitted by KRS 141.4244;  
 4 (s) The energy efficiency credits permitted by KRS 141.436;  
 5 (t) The ENERGY STAR home or ENERGY STAR manufactured home credit  
 6 permitted by KRS 141.437;  
 7 (u) The railroad maintenance and improvement credit permitted by KRS 141.385;  
 8 (v) The railroad expansion credit permitted by KRS 141.386;  
 9 (w) The Endow Kentucky credit permitted by KRS 141.438;  
 10 (x) The New Markets Development Program credit permitted by KRS 141.434;  
 11 (y) The food donation credit permitted by KRS 141.392; and  
 12 (z) The distilled spirits credit permitted by KRS 141.389.

13 (6) After the application of the nonrefundable credits in subsection (5) of this section,  
 14 the refundable credits shall be taken in the following order:

- 15 (a) The corporation estimated tax payment credit permitted by KRS 141.044;  
 16 (b) The certified rehabilitation credit permitted by KRS 171.3961 and  
 17 171.397(1)(b); and  
 18 (c) The film industry tax credit permitted by~~allowed in~~ KRS 141.383; and  
 19 (d) *The apparently wholesome food tax credit permitted by Section 1 of this Act.*

20 ➔Section 3. KRS 131.190 is amended to read as follows:

21 (1)~~[(a)]~~ No present or former commissioner or employee of the department ~~of~~  
 22 ~~Revenue~~, present or former member of a county board of assessment appeals,  
 23 present or former property valuation administrator or employee, present or former  
 24 secretary or employee of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, former secretary  
 25 or employee of the Revenue Cabinet, or any other person, shall intentionally and  
 26 without authorization inspect or divulge any information acquired by him of the  
 27 affairs of any person, or information regarding the tax schedules, returns, or reports

1 required to be filed with the department or other proper officer, or any information  
2 produced by a hearing or investigation, insofar as the information may have to do  
3 with the affairs of the person's business.

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

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

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

10 (c)~~3.~~ Furnishing any taxpayer or his properly authorized agent with  
11 information respecting his own return;

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

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

26 (f)~~6.~~ Providing to a third-party purchaser pursuant to an order entered in a  
27 foreclosure action filed in a court of competent jurisdiction, factual

1 information related to the owner or lessee of coal, oil, gas reserves, or any  
2 other mineral resources assessed under KRS 132.820~~[(1)]~~. The department  
3 may promulgate an administrative regulation establishing a fee schedule for  
4 the provision of the information described in this ~~paragraph~~<sup>subparagraph</sup>.  
5 Any fee imposed shall not exceed the greater of the actual cost of providing  
6 the information or ten dollars (\$10);~~[-or]~~

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

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

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

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

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

22 *(l) Providing to other state agencies the report, filed with the department by an*  
23 *employer, listing the policy number and the name and address of the*  
24 *employer's workers' compensation insurance carrier under Section 4 of this*  
25 *Act;*

26 *(m) The name and address of a cigarette stamping agent or distributor and the*  
27 *number of sticks by brand name that have been purchased from a*



1 nonparticipating manufacturer and have been stamped with Kentucky  
 2 stamps by that agent or distributor provided by Section 5 of this Act;

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 3. KRS 141.437 for purposes of the ENERGY STAR home and the  
 18 ENERGY STAR manufactured home credits;

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

20 5. Section 1 of this Act for purposes of the apparently wholesome food  
 21 tax credit.

22 ~~(3)[(2) — The commissioner shall make available any information for official use only~~  
 23 ~~and on a confidential basis to the proper officer, agency, board or commission of~~  
 24 ~~this state, any Kentucky county, any Kentucky city, any other state, or the federal~~  
 25 ~~government, under reciprocal agreements whereby the department shall receive~~  
 26 ~~similar or useful information in return.~~

27 ~~(3) — Statistics of tax paid gasoline gallonage reported monthly to the department of~~

1 Revenue under the gasoline excise tax law may be made public by the department.

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

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

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

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

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

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

6     ~~(2) The report may be made available to other state agencies notwithstanding the~~  
7     ~~confidentiality provisions of KRS 131.190.}~~

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

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

21     (2) In addition to the information required to be submitted pursuant to KRS 131.608,  
22     131.614, and 131.620, the Attorney General or the commissioner may require a  
23     stamping agent, distributor, participating manufacturer, nonparticipating  
24     manufacturer, or a nonparticipating manufacturer's importers to submit any  
25     additional information including but not limited to samples of the packaging or  
26     labeling of each brand family as is necessary to enable the Attorney General to  
27     determine whether the participating manufacturer or the nonparticipating

1 manufacturer and its importers are in compliance with KRS 131.600 to 131.630.

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

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

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

- 22 (1) Any person who fails or refuses to obey a subpoena or order of the Kentucky Board  
23 of Tax Appeals made pursuant to KRS Chapter 13B shall be fined not less than  
24 twenty-five dollars (\$25) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500).
- 25 (2) (a) Any person who violates the intentional unauthorized inspection provisions of  
26 KRS 131.190(1) shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or  
27 imprisoned for not more than six (6) months, or both.

- 1 (b) Any person who violates the provisions of KRS 131.190(1) by divulging  
2 confidential taxpayer information shall be fined not more than one thousand  
3 dollars (\$1,000) or imprisoned for not more than one (1) year, or both.
- 4 (c) Any person who violates the intentional unauthorized inspection provisions of  
5 KRS 131.190~~(3)~~~~(4)~~ shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars  
6 (\$1,000) or imprisoned for not more than one (1) year, or both.
- 7 (d) Any person who violates the provisions of KRS 131.190~~(3)~~~~(4)~~ by divulging  
8 confidential taxpayer information shall be fined not more than five thousand  
9 dollars (\$5,000) or imprisoned for not more than five (5) years, or both.
- 10 (e) Any present secretary or employee of the Finance and Administration Cabinet,  
11 commissioner or employee of the department, member of a county board of  
12 assessment appeals, property valuation administrator or employee, or any  
13 other person, who violates the provisions of KRS 131.190(1) or ~~(3)~~~~(4)~~ may,  
14 in addition to the penalties imposed under this subsection, be disqualified and  
15 removed from office or employment.
- 16 (3) Any person who willfully fails to comply with the rules and regulations  
17 promulgated by the department for the administration of delinquent tax collections  
18 shall be fined not less than twenty dollars (\$20) nor more than one thousand dollars  
19 (\$1,000).
- 20 (4) Any person who fails to do any act required or does any act forbidden by KRS  
21 131.210 shall be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10) nor more than five hundred  
22 dollars (\$500).
- 23 (5) Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of KRS 131.155 shall, unless it  
24 is shown to the satisfaction of the department that the failure is due to reasonable  
25 cause, pay a penalty of one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the amount that should  
26 have been remitted under the provisions of KRS 131.155 for each failure to comply.
- 27 (6) (a) Any person or financial institution that fails to comply with the provisions of

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

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

15 (7) Any taxpayer or tax return preparer who fails or refuses to comply with the  
16 provisions of KRS 131.250 or an administrative regulation promulgated under KRS  
17 131.250 shall, unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the department that the failure  
18 is due to reasonable cause, pay a return processing fee of ten dollars (\$10) for each  
19 return not filed as required.

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

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

23 1. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, and before  
24 December 31, 2015, the credit shall be equal to twenty percent (20%) of  
25 the tax assessed under KRS 132.160 and paid under KRS 132.180 on a  
26 timely basis;

27 2. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, and before

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

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



1 evaluation of the credit taken by any taxpayer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (b) Office of Processing and Enforcement, headed by an executive director who  
24 shall report directly to the commissioner. The office shall be responsible for  
25 processing documents, depositing funds, collecting debt payments, and  
26 coordinating, planning, and implementing a data integrity strategy. The office  
27 shall consist of the:

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

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

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