AN ACT relating to hunting and fishing licenses.

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

- 3 → Section 1. KRS 150.175 is amended to read as follows:
- 4 The kinds of licenses and tags authorized by this chapter, and the acts authorized to be
- 5 performed under the licenses and tags, subject to the other provisions of this chapter and
- 6 subject to administrative regulations promulgated under this chapter, shall be as follows:
- 7 (1) Statewide resident sport fishing license, which authorizes the holder to take fishes
- by angling, or take crayfish by a minnow seine, or by hand, to take minnows by the
- 9 use of a minnow seine, minnow trap, or dip net, or to take fishes by grabbing,
- gigging, snagging, snaring, jugging, and bow and arrow, and to take frogs and
- turtles from any waters in any county of this state open for such purposes and
- subject to the limitations in this chapter and additional limitations that the
- department may from time to time prescribe. This license shall not authorize the
- holder to sell fish;
- 15 (2) A short-term sport fishing license, which authorizes the holder to perform all acts
- authorized by a statewide sport fishing license and subject to the same limitations or
- prescribed administrative regulations. This license shall not authorize the holder to
- sell fish;

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- 19 (3) A resident commercial fishing license and a nonresident commercial fishing license,
- which authorize a holder to perform any act authorized by a sport fishing license
- and to take rough fishes from the waters of the state by the use of commercial
- fishing gear as prescribed by administrative regulation. The license shall also
- authorize the holder to sell rough fishes, other than those protected by
- 24 administrative regulation;
- 25 (4) A commercial fishing gear tag, which shall be attached to each piece of commercial
- fishing gear including hoop nets, slat traps, trotline, wing nets, and to each one
- 27 hundred (100) feet of linear gear or portion thereof in use, including commercial

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1		seines, gill nets, or trammel nets. Commercial gear tags may be issued only to a
2		person holding a resident or nonresident commercial fishing license;
3	(5)	Live fish and bait dealer's licenses, resident and nonresident, which authorize the
4		holder to sell bait and live fish as may be prescribed by administrative regulation;
5	(6)	Musseling licenses, resident and nonresident, which authorize the holder to take
6		mussels for commercial purposes as may be prescribed by administrative regulation;
7	(7)	A statewide resident hunting license, which authorizes the holder to take or pursue
8		wild animals, wild birds, frogs, and turtles with gun, bow and arrow, dog, or falcon,
9		or to participate in a fox-hunting party engaged in the hunting or pursuing of foxes
10		with dogs for sport, according to the provisions of the laws and administrative
11		regulations of the department;
12	(8)	A <u>youth</u> [junior] statewide hunting license, which may be issued to a person before
13		he or she has reached his or her sixteenth birthday, and which authorizes the holder
14		to exercise all the privileges authorized by a statewide hunting license[. No junior
15		hunting license shall be issued without the written permission of parent, guardian,
16		or person having custody of the person under sixteen (16) years of age];
17	(9)	Trapping licenses, resident and nonresident, which authorize the holder to take wild
18		animals by trapping upon his or her own lands or upon the lands of another person,
19		if the holder of the license has first obtained oral or written consent as provided in
20		KRS 150.092 and administrative regulation;
21	(10)	A taxidermist license, which authorizes the holder to engage in the act of preparing,
22		stuffing, and mounting the skins of wildlife;
23	(11)	A commercial guide's license, which authorizes the holder to guide hunting and
24		fishing parties according to the provisions of the laws and administrative
25		regulations of the department;
26	(12)	Fur buyer's licenses, resident and nonresident, which authorize the holder to buy

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raw furs from licensed trappers and hunters and to sell raw furs so purchased.

1		Applicants for the license shall state the number of premises to be used and shall
2		display at each a copy of the license as furnished by the department, except that the
3		commissioner may limit the number of copies furnished and may revoke the license
4		for violation;
5	(13)	A fur processor's license, which may be issued only to a resident, a partnership,
6		firm, or corporation of this state and which authorizes the holder to buy raw furs
7		when in legal possession for processing, manufacture, or retention in cold storage or
8		for resale;
9	(14)	A nonresident sport fishing license, which authorizes the holder to perform any act
10		authorized by a resident statewide sport fishing license. This license shall not
11		authorize the holder to sell fish;
12	(15)	A nonresident annual hunting license, which authorizes the holder to perform any
13		act authorized by a resident statewide hunting license;
14	(16)	Shoot-to-retrieve field trial permits, four (4) day and single day, which authorize a
15		permit holder to conduct a shoot-to-retrieve field trial on private or government-
16		owned lands. With a four (4) day permit, all participants, whether residents or
17		nonresidents, shall not be required to possess any other license to participate in the
18		permitted field trial, and the permit shall expire four (4) days after the date on which
19		the field trial began. With the single day permit, the permit is valid for one (1) day
20		and all participants shall have a valid resident or nonresident annual Kentucky
21		hunting license. A permit is not required to conduct a shoot-to-retrieve field trial on
22		a licensed shooting preserve; however, all participants that take or attempt to take
23		game shall have in their possession a resident or nonresident annual Kentucky
24		hunting license;
25	(17)	Game permits and <u>youth</u> [junior] game permits, which, in combination with a valid
26		statewide hunting license or a valid <u>youth[junior]</u> statewide hunting license,
27		authorize the holder to take or pursue the specified game species in any designated

1	open area of this state, during the open season and according to the provisions of the
2	laws and administrative regulations governing the hunting;

- 3 (18) A combination hunting and fishing license, which authorizes only resident holders 4 to perform all acts valid under either a sport fishing or hunting license;
- 5 (19) A trout permit, which in combination with a valid statewide fishing license,
- 6 authorizes the holder to take trout by angling or as may be prescribed by
- 7 administrative regulation;
- 8 (20) A commercial waterfowl permit, which authorizes the holder to establish and operate a commercial waterfowl hunting preserve;
- 10 (21) A short-term hunting license, which authorizes the holder to perform all acts
- authorized by a statewide hunting license according to the provisions of the laws
- and administrative regulations of the department;
- 13 (22) A joint statewide resident sport fishing license issued to a husband and wife which
- authorizes them to take fish as provided in subsection (1) of this section. The
- license fee for this joint license shall be ten percent (10%) less than the license fee
- set by the commission for two (2) statewide resident sport fishing licenses;
- 17 (23) A Kentucky migratory bird permit, which in combination with a valid statewide
- hunting license and compliance with applicable federal law, authorizes the holder to
- take or pursue waterfowl and migratory shore or upland game birds;
- 20 (24) A pay lake license which authorizes the holder to operate privately owned
- 21 impounded waters for fishing purposes for which a fee is charged;
- 22 (25) A senior <u>sportsman's</u>[combination] hunting and fishing license, which authorizes
- 23 the holder to perform all acts valid under a sport fishing license, a sport hunting
- license, or a state permit to take deer, turkey, trout, waterfowl, or migratory shore or
- upland game birds, and which shall be available to a Kentucky resident who is
- sixty-five (65) years of age or older.
- The senior <u>sportsman's hunting and fishing</u>[combination] license shall not be

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valid unless the holder carries proof of residency and proof of age, as the

2		department may require by administrative regulation, on his or her person while
3		performing an act authorized by the license;
4	(26)	A senior lifetime sportsman's [combination] hunting and fishing license, which
5		remains valid until the death of the holder and authorizes the holder to perform all
6		acts valid under a sport fishing license, a sport hunting license, and a state permit to
7		take deer, turkey, trout, waterfowl, and migratory shore and upland game birds, and
8		which shall be available to a Kentucky resident who is sixty-five (65) years of age
9		or older;
10	(27)	A disabled <u>sportsman's</u> [combination] hunting and fishing license, which authorizes
11		the holder to perform all acts valid under a sport fishing license, a sport hunting
12		license, and a state permit to take deer, turkey, trout, waterfowl, and migratory shore
13		and upland game birds, and which shall be available to a Kentucky resident who is:
14		(a) An American veteran at least fifty percent (50%) disabled as a result of a
15		service-connected disability; or
16		(b) Declared permanently and totally disabled by the federal Social Security
17		Administration, the United States Office of Personnel Management, the
18		Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System, the Department of Workers' Claims
19		or its equivalent from another state, or the United States Railroad Retirement
20		Board.
21		The disabled sportsman's hunting and fishing [combination] license shall not be
22		valid unless the holder carries proof of residency[and proof of disability], as the
23		department may require by administrative regulation, on his or her person while
24		performing an act authorized by the license;
25	(28)	A sportsman's license <u>and youth sportsman's license</u> for residents that
26		<u>include</u> [includes an] annual hunting and fishing <u>licenses</u> [license] and such permits
27		as allowed by administrative regulations promulgated by the department; and

(29) A special license for residents and nonresidents for the purpose of hunting on 2 licensed shooting areas. This license shall be valid only for the shooting areas for 3 which it was issued and shall remain in effect for one (1) year. If the hunter holds 4 either a nonresident or resident statewide hunting license for the current year, the 5 special license shall not be required. 6

The department may offer multiyear licenses or permits for any of the annual licenses or permits authorized in subsections (1), (7), (9), (14), (15), (17), (18), (19), (23), and (28) of this section. A multiyear license or permit shall authorize the holder to perform all acts authorized by the same license or permit if purchased annually and shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and the administrative regulations promulgated hereunder. Any multiyear licenses or permits offered by the department relating to the annual licenses or permits authorized in subsections (1), (7), (9), (14), (15), (17), (18), (19), (23), and (28) of this section shall be implemented by administrative regulation and may be discontinued at any time.

→ Section 2. KRS 150.195 is amended to read as follows:

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- 16 (1) The department shall by administrative regulation provide for the control of the 17 design, issuance, distribution, and other matters relating to all licenses and permits 18 issued by the department.
 - (2) [The department shall name each county clerk not granted an exemption from selling licenses or permits by the commissioner as an agent for the sale of licenses and permits or other items. The county clerk shall not appoint any other person or organization, other than a paid deputy clerk, to sell licenses and permits. A county clerk may, at any time during his term of office, apply in writing to the commissioner for an exemption from the requirement that he sell licenses and permits or other items for the department. The commissioner shall then grant the exemption until the clerk requests otherwise in writing.
- 27 (3) The department may [shall] sell its own licenses or permits and may name any other

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1	pers	ons, governmental entities, businesses, or organizations[person or
2	orga	nization] meeting the requirements specified by statute and by the department
3	by a	dministrative regulation as <u>agents</u> [an agent] for the sale of specified licenses
4	and	permits or other items for the department.
5	<u>(3)</u> [(4)]	The department shall, by administrative regulation, determine:
6	(a)	The number and distribution of agents in a county;
7	(b)	Which licenses and permits or other items shall be sold or issued by the
8		department and agents of the department;
9	(c)	The requirements for persons, governmental entities, businesses, or
10		organizations[, other than county clerks,] to sell licenses and permits or other
11		items issued by the department;
12	(d)	The fees allowed to be retained by agents of the department;
13	(e)	Matters relating to the remittance of license and permit fees and proceeds of
14		the sale of other items, procedures for accountability for licenses and permits,
15		and accountability for license and permit fees and proceeds of the sales of
16		other items;
17	(f)	The license and permit term, and the date of expiration of licenses and
18		permits; and
19	(g)	The manner in which the licenses, permits, and other items issued by the
20		department are designed, issued, and sold, and details relating to the
21		application for and sale of licenses, permits, and other items, the reporting of
22		license, permit, and other sales, and other matters deemed necessary by the
23		department for the proper administration and operation of a program relating
24		to the design, issuance, and sale of licenses, permits, and other items issued by
25		the department.
26	<u>(4)</u> [(5)]	No person shall make a false statement or provide any false information when
27	appl	ying for a license or permit.

1	<u>(5)[(6)]</u>	Unless permitted to do so by administrative regulation, no person shall alter or
2	mod	ify a license or permit in any manner.
3	<u>(6)</u> [(7)]	No <u>person</u> [employee of the department, no agent designated by the
4	depa	artment, or no employee of an agent designated by the commissioner] shall
5	knov	wingly make a false entry upon a license or permit, license or permit record, or
6	an a	pplication or report required by this chapter or by an administrative regulation
7	issue	ed thereunder.
8	<u>(7)</u> [(8)]	The department[and each agent designated by the commissioner] shall keep a
9	corre	ect and complete record of all licenses and permits applied for or issued, and all
10	othe	r records required to be kept by statute or by the department by administrative
11	regu	lation. License and permit records shall be public records and shall be open to
12	publ	ic inspection in the manner provided by KRS 61.870 to 61.884.
13	<u>(8)[(9)]</u>	No fee for the issuance of a license or permit issued by or on behalf of the
14	depa	artment shall be charged or collected by the department or agent of the
15	depa	artment other than the amount specified by administrative regulation. Tie-in
16	sales	s required to obtain a license or permit are prohibited.
17	<u>(9)</u> [(10)]	The department shall by administrative regulation develop a procedure for
18	susp	ending or revoking the agent status of a person or organization violating any
19	prov	rision of this chapter, or the administrative regulations promulgated thereunder,
20	relat	ing to the sale, reporting of, or financial accountability for the sale of licenses
21	or pe	ermits which the agent is authorized to sell on behalf of the department.
22	(a)	The initial determination to suspend or revoke an agent's status shall be made
23		by the commissioner, or by his designee; and the agent shall be informed of
24		the decision in writing.
25	(b)	A decision of the commissioner or his designee may be appealed to the
26		commission in writing and received by the department within ten (10) days of
27		receipt of the commissioner's notice. Hearings of appeals shall be conducted

1		in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B.
2	(c)	Appeals from a final order of the commission shall be to the Franklin Circui
3		Court in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B.
4	<u>(10)</u> [(11)]	Penalties which the commissioner, his designee in writing, or the commission
5	may	assess are:
6	(a)	A suspension of the agent's status for not less than one (1) nor more than five
7		(5) years; or
8	(b)	Revocation of the agent's status permanently, if a natural person, or for no
9		less than ten (10) years to permanently, if an organization.
10	<u>(11)</u> [(12)]	Suspension periods shall not be waived, probated, or delayed by the
11	com	missioner, his designee in writing, or the commission. The commission or the
12	Fran	aklin Circuit Court, as appropriate, may reduce a suspension period ordered by
13	the	commissioner or his designee in writing, but to not less than one (1) year, and
14	may	reduce a revocation to a suspension.
15	<u>(12)</u> [(13)]	The department may experiment with computerized, electronic, or other
16	imp	roved forms of license and permit sales by the department and its agents
17	Exp	eriments may be conducted on a regional or other basis. The commission shall
18	imp	lement any improved method of license and permit sales finally selected, on a
19	state	ewide basis by administrative regulation.
20	→ S	ection 3. KRS 150.990 is amended to read as follows:
21	(1) Each	h bird, fish, or animal taken, possessed, bought, sold, or transported and each
22	devi	ce used or possessed contrary to the provisions of this chapter or any
23	adm	inistrative regulation promulgated by the commission thereunder shall
24	cons	stitute a separate offense. The penalties prescribed in this section shall be for
25	each	offense.
26	(2) (a)	Any person who fails to appear pursuant to a citation or summons issued by a

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conservation officer or peace officer of this Commonwealth for violation of

this chapter or any administrative regulation promulgated thereunder shall forfeit his or her license or, if that person is license-exempt, shall forfeit the privilege to perform the acts authorized by the license. The individual shall not be permitted to purchase another license or exercise the privileges granted by a license until the citation or summons is resolved. The court shall notify the department whenever a person has failed to appear pursuant to a citation or summons for a violation of this chapter or any administrative regulation promulgated thereunder.

- (b) Any person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter or any administrative regulations promulgated by the commission thereunder may, in addition to the penalties provided in subsections (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), and (8) of this section, forfeit his license or, if that person is license-exempt, may forfeit the privilege to perform the acts authorized by the license and shall not be permitted to purchase another license or exercise the privileges granted by a license during the same license year. No fines, penalty, or judgment assessed or rendered under this chapter shall be suspended, reduced, or remitted otherwise than expressly provided by law. Any person who violates any administrative regulation which has been or may be promulgated by the commission under any provisions of this chapter shall be subject to the same penalty as is provided for the violation of any provisions of this chapter under which the administrative regulation is promulgated.
- (3) Any person who violates any of the provisions of KRS 150.120, 150.170, 150.235(1), 150.280, 150.320, 150.330(2), 150.355, 150.362, 150.400, 150.410, 150.415, 150.416, 150.445, 150.450, 150.470, 150.603, or 150.722(2), or any of the provisions of this chapter or any administrative regulation promulgated by the commission for which no definite fine or imprisonment is fixed shall be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500).

1	(4)	Any person who violates any of the provisions of KRS <u>150.195(4) to (7)</u> , 150.290,
2		150.300, 150.340, 150.360, 150.362(1), 150.485, 150.600, 150.630, <u>or</u> 150.660 [,
3		the provisions of KRS 150.195(5) to (8), or KRS 150.660(3)] shall be fined not less
4		than fifty dollars (\$50) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or be imprisoned
5		for not more than six (6) months, or both. Also, any person violating the provisions
6		of KRS 150.300 shall be assessed treble damages as provided in KRS 150.690 or
7		150.700. Damages assessed under this subsection shall be ordered to be paid
8		directly to the department. The court shall not direct that the damages be paid
9		through the circuit clerk.
10	(5)	Any person who violates any of the provisions of KRS 150.411, 150.412, or
11		150.417 shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five
12		hundred dollars (\$500).

Any person who violates any of the provisions of KRS 150.183, 150.305, 150.365, 13 (6) 14 150.370, 150.330(1), 150.235(2), (3), or (4), or 150.363 shall be fined not less than 15 one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or imprisoned 16 for not more than six (6) months, or both.

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- Any person who violates any of the provisions of KRS 150.460 shall be fined not (7) less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or imprisoned for not more than six (6) months, or both, and in addition to these penalties shall be liable to the department in an amount not to exceed the replacement value of the fish and wildlife which has been killed or destroyed. Costs assessed for the restoration of wildlife under this subsection shall be ordered to be paid directly to the department. The court shall not direct that the costs be paid through the circuit clerk.
- 25 (8)Any person who violates the provisions of KRS 150.180, 150.520, 150.525, or 26 administrative regulations issued thereunder shall for the first offense be fined not 27 less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000);

and shall for a second offense be fined not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500); and for any subsequent offense, be fined two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

- 4 (9) Any person who violates the provisions of KRS 150.520 or administrative regulations issued thereunder shall, if the violation relates to methods of taking mussels, for a first offense be imprisoned in the county jail for no more than thirty (30) days; for a second offense be imprisoned in the county jail for no more than six (6) months; and for any subsequent offense be imprisoned in the county jail for no more than one (1) year. The penalties for violation of this subsection shall be in addition to the penalties for violation of subsection (8).
- 11 (10) Any person who violates any of the provisions of KRS 150.4111, 150.640, or KRS 150.450(2) or (3) shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

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(11) Any person who violates any of the provisions of KRS 150.390 or KRS 150.092(4) shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or imprisoned for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one (1) year, or both. In addition to the penalties prescribed above, he or she shall forfeit his license or, if license-exempt, the privilege to perform the acts authorized by the license for a period of one (1) to three (3) years and shall be liable to the department in an amount reasonably necessary to replace any deer, wild turkey, or bear taken in violation of KRS 150.390 and for violations of KRS 150.092(4) shall be liable to the landowner or occupant for reasonable compensation for damages. Wildlife replacement costs assessed under this subsection shall be ordered to be paid directly to the department. The court shall not direct that the damages be paid through the circuit clerk. Damages assessed under this subsection shall not direct that the damages be paid through the circuit clerk. Any person who possesses, takes, or molests a wild

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elk in violation of KRS 150.390 or administrative regulations promulgated under authority of that section shall be fined not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or imprisoned for up to six (6) months, or both. In addition to these penalties, the person shall pay to the department an amount not to exceed the greater of the replacement cost of the wild elk or double any monetary gain realized from the illegal activity and shall forfeit his or her license or, if license-exempt, the privilege to perform the acts authorized by the license for a period of one (1) to three (3) years.

- (12) Any person who violates any of the provisions of KRS 150.090 other than a criminal homicide or an assault against an officer enforcing the provisions of this chapter, KRS Chapter 235, or the administrative regulations issued thereunder shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.
- 13 (13) Any person who commits a criminal homicide or an assault against an officer 14 enforcing the provisions of this chapter, KRS Chapter 235, or the administrative 15 regulations issued thereunder shall be subject to the penalties specified for the 16 offense under KRS Chapter 507 or 508, as appropriate.
- 17 (14) A person shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor upon the first conviction for a 18 violation of KRS 150.710. A subsequent conviction shall be a Class A 19 misdemeanor.
- 20 (15) Any person who violates the provisions of KRS 150.092 or the administrative 21 regulations promulgated thereunder for which no other penalty is specified 22 elsewhere in this section shall for the first offense be fined not less than one 23 hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than three hundred dollars (\$300); for the second 24 offense, be fined not less than three hundred dollars (\$300) nor more than one 25 thousand dollars (\$1,000); and for subsequent offenses, shall forfeit the license or, if 26 license-exempt, the privilege to perform the acts authorized by the license, for one 27 (1) year and shall be fined not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or be

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imprisoned in the county jail for up to one (1) year, or both. In addition to the penalties prescribed in this subsection, the violator shall be liable to the landowner or tenant for the replacement cost of any property which was damaged or destroyed by his actions. Damages assessed under this subsection shall be ordered to be paid directly to the landowner or the tenant. The court shall not direct that the damages be paid through the circuit clerk.

- 7 (16) (a) Any person who knowingly violates KRS 150.361 shall for a first offense be
 8 fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than one thousand
 9 dollars (\$1,000) or be imprisoned in the county jail for not more than six (6)
 10 months, or both.
 - (b) Any person who knowingly violates KRS 150.361 shall for a second or subsequent offense be fined not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) or be imprisoned in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or both.
 - (c) In addition to the penalties specified in paragraphs (a), (b), and (d) of this subsection, a person knowingly violating KRS 150.361 shall forfeit his or her hunting license or, if license-exempt, the privilege to perform the acts authorized by the license for a period of not less than one (1) nor more than three (3) years.
 - (d) In addition to the penalties specified in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this subsection any person knowingly violating KRS 150.361 shall be liable to the department in an amount not to exceed the greater of the replacement value of any wildlife killed or wounded in violation of KRS 150.361 or double the amount of the monetary gain from knowingly violating KRS 150.361.
 - (e) Wildlife replacement costs or other costs specified in paragraph (d) of this subsection shall be ordered paid directly to the department. The court shall not direct that the replacement costs be paid through the circuit clerk.

1 (17) Any person convicted of violating KRS 150.186 shall be guilty of a Class A
2 misdemeanor and shall, whether licensed or license-exempt, forfeit his or her right
3 to hunt, fish, trap, or be licensed as a commercial guide for a period of ten (10)
4 years.