

1 AN ACT relating to a tax credit for renters.

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) "Federal poverty line" means the official poverty line defined by the Office
7 of Management and Budget based on the most recent data available from
8 the Bureau of the Census, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. sec. 9902(2);

9 (b) "Qualified renter" means an individual or family with a household income
10 at or below one hundred thirty three percent (133%) of the threshold
11 amount;

12 (c) "Qualified rent payments" means the monetary amounts paid by a taxpayer
13 during the taxable year to occupy a rented dwelling within the
14 Commonwealth and does not include:

15 1. Advance rent payments that may be applied to a future calendar year;

16 or

17 2. Security deposits that may be refunded at a later date;

18 (d) "Threshold amount" means:

19 1. For a qualifying individual with no qualifying dependent children, the
20 federal poverty line established for a family unit size of one (1);

21 2. For a qualifying individual with one (1) qualifying dependent child or
22 a qualifying married couple with no qualifying dependent children,
23 the federal poverty line established for a family unit size of two (2);

24 3. For a qualifying individual with two (2) qualifying dependent children
25 or a qualifying married couple with one (1) qualifying dependent
26 child, the federal poverty line established for a family unit size of three
27 (3); and

1 4. For a qualifying individual with three (3) or more qualifying
2 dependent children or a qualifying married couple with two (2) or
3 more qualifying dependent children, the federal poverty line
4 established for a family unit size of four (4); and

5 (e) "Rented dwelling" means a permanent, primary residence in the
6 Commonwealth in which a renter lives for at least six (6) months out of the
7 year and includes:

8 1. A single-family house;

9 2. A room within a single-family residence;

10 3. An apartment;

11 4. A duplex;

12 5. A housing cooperative;

13 6. A condominium;

14 7. A house trailer;

15 8. A mobile home; or

16 9. Any other permanent dwelling within the Commonwealth for which
17 an individual makes qualified rent payments.

18 (2) (a) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023, but before
19 January 1, 2027, a qualified renter may deduct from the tax computed
20 under KRS 141.020 a refundable credit for qualified rent payments
21 incurred for each taxable year within which qualified rent payments are
22 made.

23 (b) The amount of the credit allowed in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall
24 be equal to twenty five percent (25%) of the actual monetary amounts made
25 to occupy a rented dwelling within the Commonwealth, and shall not exceed
26 one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each taxable year.

27 (3) (a) The purpose of this tax credit is to provide assistance to individuals with

1 incomes of less than one hundred thirty three percent (133%) of the federal
2 poverty level within the Commonwealth by providing incentives for
3 qualified rent payments.

4 (b) In order for the General Assembly to evaluate the fulfillment of the purpose
5 stated in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the department shall provide the
6 following information on a cumulative basis for each taxable year to
7 provide a historical impact of the tax credit to the Commonwealth:

8 1. The cumulative amount of tax credits claimed by individuals for each
9 taxable year;

10 2. The cumulative number of returns that claimed the credit for each
11 taxable year;

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

14 4. Based on ranges of adjusted gross income of no larger than five
15 thousand dollars (\$5,000), the cumulative amount of tax credit
16 claimed by individuals for each adjusted gross income range for each
17 taxable year.

18 (c) The report required by paragraph (b) of this subsection shall be submitted
19 to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue beginning
20 no later than November 1, 2023, and no later than November 1 each year
21 thereafter, as long as the credit is claimed on any return processed by the
22 department.

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

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

27 (1) The nonrefundable business incentive credits against the tax imposed by KRS

- 1 141.020 shall be taken in the following order:
- 2 (a) The limited liability entity tax credit permitted by KRS 141.0401;
- 3 (b) The economic development credits computed under KRS 141.347, 141.381,
- 4 141.384, 141.3841, 141.400, 141.401, 141.403, 141.407, 141.415, 154.12-
- 5 207, and 154.12-2088;
- 6 (c) The qualified farming operation credit permitted by KRS 141.412;
- 7 (d) The certified rehabilitation credit permitted by KRS 171.397(1)(a);
- 8 (e) The health insurance credit permitted by KRS 141.062;
- 9 (f) The tax paid to other states credit permitted by KRS 141.070;
- 10 (g) The credit for hiring the unemployed permitted by KRS 141.065;
- 11 (h) The recycling or composting equipment credit permitted by KRS 141.390;
- 12 (i) The tax credit for cash contributions in investment funds permitted by KRS
- 13 154.20-263 in effect prior to July 15, 2002, and the credit permitted by KRS
- 14 154.20-258;
- 15 (j) The research facilities credit permitted by KRS 141.395;
- 16 (k) The employer High School Equivalency Diploma program incentive credit
- 17 permitted under KRS 151B.402;
- 18 (l) The voluntary environmental remediation credit permitted by KRS 141.418;
- 19 (m) The biodiesel and renewable diesel credit permitted by KRS 141.423;
- 20 (n) The clean coal incentive credit permitted by KRS 141.428;
- 21 (o) The ethanol credit permitted by KRS 141.4242;
- 22 (p) The cellulosic ethanol credit permitted by KRS 141.4244;
- 23 (q) The energy efficiency credits permitted by KRS 141.436;
- 24 (r) The railroad maintenance and improvement credit permitted by KRS 141.385;
- 25 (s) The Endow Kentucky credit permitted by KRS 141.438;
- 26 (t) The New Markets Development Program credit permitted by KRS 141.434;
- 27 (u) The distilled spirits credit permitted by KRS 141.389;

- 1 (v) The angel investor credit permitted by KRS 141.396;
- 2 (w) The film industry credit permitted by KRS 141.383 for applications approved
3 on or after April 27, 2018, but before January 1, 2022;
- 4 (x) The inventory credit permitted by KRS 141.408; and
- 5 (y) The renewable chemical production credit permitted by KRS 141.4231.
- 6 (2) After the application of the nonrefundable credits in subsection (1) of this section,
7 the nonrefundable personal tax credits against the tax imposed by KRS 141.020
8 shall be taken in the following order:
- 9 (a) The individual credits permitted by KRS 141.020(3);
- 10 (b) The credit permitted by KRS 141.066;
- 11 (c) The tuition credit permitted by KRS 141.069;
- 12 (d) The household and dependent care credit permitted by KRS 141.067;
- 13 (e) The income gap credit permitted by KRS 141.066;~~and~~
- 14 (f) The Education Opportunity Account Program tax credit permitted by KRS
15 141.522.
- 16 (3) After the application of the nonrefundable credits provided for in subsection (2) of
17 this section, the refundable credits against the tax imposed by KRS 141.020 shall be
18 taken in the following order:
- 19 (a) The individual withholding tax credit permitted by KRS 141.350;
- 20 (b) The individual estimated tax payment credit permitted by KRS 141.305;
- 21 (c) The certified rehabilitation credit permitted by KRS 171.3961, 171.3963, and
22 171.397(1)(b);
- 23 (d) The film industry tax credit permitted by KRS 141.383 for applications
24 approved prior to April 27, 2018, or on or after January 1, 2022;~~and~~
- 25 (e) The development area tax credit permitted by KRS 141.398; **and**
- 26 **(f) The renter tax credit permitted by Section 1 of this Act.**
- 27 (4) The nonrefundable credit permitted by KRS 141.0401 shall be applied against the

- 1 tax imposed by KRS 141.040.
- 2 (5) The following nonrefundable credits shall be applied against the sum of the tax
3 imposed by KRS 141.040 after subtracting the credit provided for in subsection (4)
4 of this section, and the tax imposed by KRS 141.0401 in the following order:
- 5 (a) The economic development credits computed under KRS 141.347, 141.381,
6 141.384, 141.3841, 141.400, 141.401, 141.403, 141.407, 141.415, 154.12-
7 207, and 154.12-2088;
- 8 (b) The qualified farming operation credit permitted by KRS 141.412;
- 9 (c) The certified rehabilitation credit permitted by KRS 171.397(1)(a);
- 10 (d) The health insurance credit permitted by KRS 141.062;
- 11 (e) The unemployment credit permitted by KRS 141.065;
- 12 (f) The recycling or composting equipment credit permitted by KRS 141.390;
- 13 (g) The coal conversion credit permitted by KRS 141.041;
- 14 (h) The enterprise zone credit permitted by KRS 154.45-090, for taxable periods
15 ending prior to January 1, 2008;
- 16 (i) The tax credit for cash contributions to investment funds permitted by KRS
17 154.20-263 in effect prior to July 15, 2002, and the credit permitted by KRS
18 154.20-258;
- 19 (j) The research facilities credit permitted by KRS 141.395;
- 20 (k) The employer High School Equivalency Diploma program incentive credit
21 permitted by KRS 151B.402;
- 22 (l) The voluntary environmental remediation credit permitted by KRS 141.418;
- 23 (m) The biodiesel and renewable diesel credit permitted by KRS 141.423;
- 24 (n) The clean coal incentive credit permitted by KRS 141.428;
- 25 (o) The ethanol credit permitted by KRS 141.4242;
- 26 (p) The cellulosic ethanol credit permitted by KRS 141.4244;
- 27 (q) The energy efficiency credits permitted by KRS 141.436;

- 1 (r) The ENERGY STAR home or ENERGY STAR manufactured home credit
2 permitted by KRS 141.437;
- 3 (s) The railroad maintenance and improvement credit permitted by KRS 141.385;
- 4 (t) The railroad expansion credit permitted by KRS 141.386;
- 5 (u) The Endow Kentucky credit permitted by KRS 141.438;
- 6 (v) The New Markets Development Program credit permitted by KRS 141.434;
- 7 (w) The distilled spirits credit permitted by KRS 141.389;
- 8 (x) The film industry credit permitted by KRS 141.383 for applications approved
9 on or after April 27, 2018, but before January 1, 2022;
- 10 (y) The inventory credit permitted by KRS 141.408;
- 11 (z) The renewable chemical production tax credit permitted by KRS 141.4231;
- 12 and
- 13 (aa) The Education Opportunity Account Program tax credit permitted by KRS
14 141.522.
- 15 (6) After the application of the nonrefundable credits in subsection (5) of this section,
16 the refundable credits shall be taken in the following order:
- 17 (a) The corporation estimated tax payment credit permitted by KRS 141.044;
- 18 (b) The certified rehabilitation credit permitted by KRS 171.3961, 171.3963, and
19 171.397(1)(b); and
- 20 (c) The film industry tax credit permitted by KRS 141.383 for applications
21 approved prior to April 27, 2018, or on or after January 1, 2022.

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

- 23 (1) No present or former commissioner or employee of the department, present or
24 former member of a county board of assessment appeals, present or former property
25 valuation administrator or employee, present or former secretary or employee of the
26 Finance and Administration Cabinet, former secretary or employee of the Revenue
27 Cabinet, or any other person, shall intentionally and without authorization inspect or

1 divulge any information acquired by him or her of the affairs of any person, or
2 information regarding the tax schedules, returns, or reports required to be filed with
3 the department or other proper officer, or any information produced by a hearing or
4 investigation, insofar as the information may have to do with the affairs of the
5 person's business.

6 (2) The prohibition established by subsection (1) of this section shall not extend to:

- 7 (a) Information required in prosecutions for making false reports or returns of
8 property for taxation, or any other infraction of the tax laws;
- 9 (b) Any matter properly entered upon any assessment record, or in any way made
10 a matter of public record;
- 11 (c) Furnishing any taxpayer or his or her properly authorized agent with
12 information respecting his or her own return;
- 13 (d) Testimony provided by the commissioner or any employee of the department
14 in any court, or the introduction as evidence of returns or reports filed with the
15 department, in an action for violation of state or federal tax laws or in any
16 action challenging state or federal tax laws;
- 17 (e) Providing an owner of unmined coal, oil or gas reserves, and other mineral or
18 energy resources assessed under KRS 132.820, or owners of surface land
19 under which the unmined minerals lie, factual information about the owner's
20 property derived from third-party returns filed for that owner's property, under
21 the provisions of KRS 132.820, that is used to determine the owner's
22 assessment. This information shall be provided to the owner on a confidential
23 basis, and the owner shall be subject to the penalties provided in KRS
24 131.990(2). The third-party filer shall be given prior notice of any disclosure
25 of information to the owner that was provided by the third-party filer;
- 26 (f) 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. The department may
3 promulgate an administrative regulation establishing a fee schedule for the
4 provision of the information described in this paragraph. Any fee imposed
5 shall not exceed the greater of the actual cost of providing the information or
6 ten dollars (\$10);
- 7 (g) Providing information to a licensing agency, the Transportation Cabinet, or
8 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) Providing any utility gross receipts license tax return information that is
12 necessary to administer the provisions of KRS 160.613 to 160.617 to
13 applicable school districts on a confidential basis;
- 14 (j) Providing documents, data, or other information to a third party pursuant to an
15 order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction; or
- 16 (k) Providing information to the Legislative Research Commission under:
- 17 1. KRS 139.519 for purposes of the sales and use tax refund on building
18 materials used for disaster recovery;
 - 19 2. KRS 141.436 for purposes of the energy efficiency products credits;
 - 20 3. KRS 141.437 for purposes of the ENERGY STAR home and the
21 ENERGY STAR manufactured home credits;
 - 22 4. KRS 141.383 for purposes of the film industry incentives;
 - 23 5. KRS 154.26-095 for purposes of the Kentucky industrial revitalization
24 tax credits and the job assessment fees;
 - 25 6. KRS 141.068 for purposes of the Kentucky investment fund;
 - 26 7. KRS 141.396 for purposes of the angel investor tax credit;
 - 27 8. KRS 141.389 for purposes of the distilled spirits credit;

- 1 9. KRS 141.408 for purposes of the inventory credit;
- 2 10. KRS 141.390 for purposes of the recycling and composting credit;
- 3 11. KRS 141.3841 for purposes of the selling farmer tax credit;
- 4 12. KRS 141.4231 for purposes of the renewable chemical production tax
- 5 credit;
- 6 13. KRS 141.524 for purposes of the Education Opportunity Account
- 7 Program tax credit;
- 8 14. KRS 141.398 for purposes of the development area tax credit;~~and~~
- 9 15. KRS 139.516 for the purposes of the sales and use tax exemption on the
- 10 commercial mining of cryptocurrency; **and**

11 **16. Section 1 of this Act for the purposes of the renter tax credit.**

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

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

24 (5) Statistics of crude oil as reported to the department under the crude oil excise tax
 25 requirements of KRS Chapter 137 and statistics of natural gas production as
 26 reported to the department under the natural resources severance tax requirements
 27 of KRS Chapter 143A may be made public by the department by release to the

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