

1 AN ACT relating to animal control officers.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 258.095 TO 258.500 IS CREATED
4 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) Each animal control officer shall complete annually a continuing education*
6 *course developed by the department pursuant to subsection (2) of this section.*

7 *(2) The department shall promulgate administrative regulations to create a*
8 *continuing education course for animal control officers. The course shall:*

9 *(a) Cover topics relevant to the work of an animal control officer, including*
10 *criminal procedure, law enforcement procedures, and investigatory*
11 *practices;*

12 *(b) Consist of eight (8) hours of in-service training; and*

13 *(c) Be offered at least three (3) times per year.*

14 *(3) Upon completion of the continuing education course, the department shall certify*
15 *that an animal control officer has completed the continuing education course*
16 *requirement and specify the date that the certification expires.*

17 *(4) The department may charge a reasonable fee to cover the cost of providing the*
18 *course to animal control officers, and for maintaining the records certifying that*
19 *an animal control officer has completed the course.*

20 ➔Section 2. This Act shall take effect January 1, 2021.