

1 AN ACT relating to transportation and making an appropriation therefor.

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

3 → Section 1. KRS 186.040 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) Upon receiving the application and fee, the county clerk shall issue to the owner a
 5 certificate of registration containing the information required by subsection (2) of
 6 this section and a registration plate. If the cabinet finds that there is a shortage of
 7 materials suitable for making plates, or that a substantial saving will result, it may
 8 require by regulation with the approval of the Governor that previously issued
 9 plates continue to be used for a designated period. Except as provided in subsection
 10 (3) of this section and in KRS 186.162, for services performed, the owner shall pay
 11 the county clerk the sum of six dollars (\$6) for each registration, or if the
 12 registration exceeds a twelve (12) month period, the clerk shall receive a fee of nine
 13 dollars (\$9).
- 14 (2) The certificate of registration shall contain the registration number, the name and
 15 post office address of the owner, and such other information as the cabinet may
 16 require.
- 17 (3) ***Thirty dollars (\$30) of the registration fee***~~[An owner who registers a vehicle]~~
 18 under KRS 186.050 ***for a motor vehicle*** that has a declared gross vehicle weight
 19 with any towed unit of forty-four thousand and one (44,001) pounds or greater shall
 20 ***be distributed to***~~[pay]~~ the county clerk ***of the county where the vehicle is***
 21 ***registered***~~[thirty dollars (\$30) for each registration. The clerk shall retain the thirty~~
 22 ~~dollar (\$30) fee for services performed under this subsection].~~
- 23 (4) Any person requesting a certificate of registration or renewal of registration of any
 24 type of motor vehicle shall have the opportunity to donate one dollar (\$1) to the
 25 child care assistance account. The one dollar (\$1) donation shall be added to the
 26 regular fee for vehicle registration. One donation may be made per issuance or
 27 renewal of vehicle registration. Donation to the child care assistance account shall

1 be voluntary and may be refused by the applicant at the time of the issuance or
2 renewal of any vehicle registration.

3 (5) The county clerk may retain five percent (5%) of fees collected for the child care
4 assistance account under subsection (4) of this section. The remaining funds shall
5 be deposited into a trust and agency account in the State Treasury to the credit of
6 the Cabinet for Health and Family Services for the exclusive use as follows:

7 (a) Funds shall be made available to the agencies that administer child care
8 subsidy funds; and

9 (b) Funds shall be used as determined by the cabinet for working families whose
10 income exceeds the state income eligibility limits for child day care
11 assistance.

12 (6) Except as provided in KRS 186.162, in addition to the registration fee provided for
13 county clerks in subsections (1) and (3) of this section, an additional three dollars
14 (\$3) per registration shall be collected by the county clerk at the time of
15 registration. This additional fee shall be distributed as follows:

16 (a) One dollar (\$1) shall be placed in an agency fund to provide additional funds
17 exclusively for technological improvements or replacement of the AVIS
18 system. The operation and maintenance of AVIS shall remain as currently
19 provided for from the operational budget of the Transportation Cabinet and
20 shall not be reduced below the 2005-2006 funding level;

21 (b) One dollar (\$1) shall be placed in an agency trust fund to provide funds
22 exclusively for technological improvements to the hardware and software in
23 county clerk offices related to the collection and administration of road fund
24 taxes. The Transportation Cabinet, in consultation with county clerks, shall
25 allocate funds as necessary from this fund to be used for this exclusive
26 purpose; and

27 (c) One dollar (\$1) shall be placed in a trust fund to be maintained by the

1 Transportation Cabinet to provide an unrestricted revenue supplement, for
 2 operations of the office related to the collection and administration of road
 3 fund taxes, to county clerk offices in counties containing a population of less
 4 than twenty thousand (20,000), as determined by the decennial census, and for
 5 no other purpose. Annually, by March 1, the Transportation Cabinet shall
 6 calculate the amount collected in the previous calendar year and distribute the
 7 entire fund proportionate to each county that qualifies under this paragraph
 8 based on population. This revenue shall be considered current year revenue
 9 when paid to the clerk and shall not be identified as excess fees from the
 10 previous year.

11 ➔ Section 2. KRS 186.050 is amended to read as follows:

12 (1) The annual registration fee shall be eleven dollars fifty cents (\$11.50) for:

13 (a) Motor vehicles, including pickup trucks and passenger vans; and

14 (b) Motor carrier vehicles, as defined in KRS 281.010, primarily designed for
 15 carrying passengers or passengers for hire and having been designed or
 16 constructed to transport not more than fifteen (15) passengers, including the
 17 operator.

18 (2) Except as provided in KRS 186.041 and 186.162, the annual registration fee for
 19 each motorcycle shall be nine dollars (\$9).

20 (3) (a) All motor vehicles having a declared gross weight of vehicle and any towed
 21 unit of ten thousand (10,000) pounds or less, except those mentioned in
 22 subsections (1) and (2) of this section, are classified as commercial vehicles
 23 and the annual registration fee, except as provided in subsections (4) to (14) of
 24 this section, shall be eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50).

25 (b) All motor vehicles, except those mentioned in subsections (1) and (2) of this
 26 section, and those engaged in hauling passengers for hire which are designed
 27 or constructed to transport more than fifteen (15) passengers including the

operator, whose registration fee shall be one hundred dollars (\$100), are classified as commercial vehicles and the annual registration fee, except as provided in subsections (3)(a) and (4) to (14) of this section, shall be as follows:

Declared Gross Weight of Vehicle and Any Towed Unit	Registration Fee
10,001-14,000	30.00
14,001-18,000	50.00
18,001-22,000	132.00
22,001-26,000	160.00
26,001-32,000	216.00
32,001-38,000	300.00
38,001-44,000	474.00
44,001-55,000	<u>699.00</u> [669.00]
55,001-62,000	<u>1,037.00</u> [1,007.00]
62,001-73,280	<u>1,280.00</u> [1,250.00]
73,281-80,000	<u>1,440.00</u> [1,410.00]

(4) (a) 1. Any farmer owning a truck having a gross weight of twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds or less may have it registered as a farmer's truck and obtain a license for eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50). The applicant's signature upon the certificate of registration and ownership shall constitute a certificate that the applicant~~he~~ is a farmer engaged in the production of crops, livestock, or dairy products, that the applicant~~he~~ owns a truck of the gross weight of twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds or less, and that during the next twelve (12) months the truck shall not be used in for-hire transportation and may be used in transporting persons, food, provender, feed, machinery, livestock,

1 material, and supplies necessary for the applicant's^[his] farming
 2 operation, and the products grown on the applicant's^[his] farm.

3 2. Any farmer owning a truck having a gross weight of twenty-six
 4 thousand one (26,001) pounds to thirty-eight thousand (38,000) pounds
 5 may have it registered as a farmer's truck and obtain a license for eleven
 6 dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50). The applicant's signature upon the
 7 certificate of registration and ownership shall constitute a certificate that
 8 the applicant^[he] is a farmer engaged in the production of crops,
 9 livestock, or dairy products, that the applicant^[he] owns a truck of the
 10 gross weight between twenty-six thousand one (26,001) pounds and
 11 thirty-eight thousand (38,000) pounds, and that during the next twelve
 12 (12) months the truck shall not be used in for-hire transportation and
 13 may be used in transporting persons, food, provender, feed, machinery,
 14 livestock, material, and supplies necessary for the applicant's^[his]
 15 farming operation and the products grown on the applicant's^[his] farm.

16 (b) Any farmer owning a truck having a declared gross weight in excess of thirty-
 17 eight thousand (38,000) pounds shall not be required to pay the fee set out in
 18 subsection (3) of this section and, in lieu thereof, shall pay forty percent
 19 (40%) of the fee set out in subsection (3) of this section and shall be exempt
 20 from any fee charged under the provisions of KRS 281.752. The applicant's
 21 signature upon the registration receipt shall be considered to be a certification
 22 that the applicant^[he] is a farmer engaged solely in the production of crops,
 23 livestock, or dairy products, and that during the current registration year the
 24 truck will be used only in transporting persons, food, provender, feed, and
 25 machinery used in operating the applicant's^[his] farm and the products grown
 26 on the applicant's^[his] farm.

27 (c) An initial applicant for, or an applicant renewing, his or her registration

1 pursuant to this subsection, may at the time of application make a voluntary
 2 contribution to be deposited into the agricultural program trust fund
 3 established in KRS 246.247. The recommended voluntary contribution shall
 4 be set at ten dollars (\$10) and automatically added to the cost of registration
 5 or renewal unless the individual registering or renewing the vehicle opts out
 6 of contributing the recommended amount. The county clerk shall collect and
 7 forward the voluntary contribution to the cabinet for distribution to the
 8 Department of Agriculture.

9 (5) Any person owning a ~~truck or~~ bus used solely in transporting school children and
 10 school employees may have the ~~truck or~~ bus registered as a school bus and obtain
 11 a license for eleven dollars fifty cents (\$11.50) by filing with the county clerk, in
 12 addition to other information required, an affidavit stating that the ~~truck or~~ bus is
 13 used solely in the transportation of school children and persons employed in the
 14 schools of the district, that *the words "School Bus" are* ~~he has caused to be~~
 15 printed on each side of the ~~truck or~~ bus and on the rear door ~~the words "School~~
 16 ~~Bus"]~~ in letters at least six (6) inches high, and of a conspicuous color, and the ~~truck or~~
 17 ~~truck or~~ bus will be used during the next twelve (12) months only for the purpose
 18 stated.

19 (6) Any church or religious organization owning a ~~truck or~~ bus used solely in
 20 transporting persons to and from a place of worship or for other religious work may
 21 have the ~~truck or~~ bus registered as a church bus and obtain a license for eleven
 22 dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50) by filing with the county clerk, in addition to other
 23 information required, an affidavit stating that the ~~truck or~~ bus will be used only
 24 for the transporting of persons to and from a place of worship, or for other religious
 25 work, and that there has been printed on the ~~truck or~~ bus in large letters the words
 26 "Church Bus," with the name of the church or religious organization owning and
 27 using the ~~truck or~~ bus, and that during the next twelve (12) months the ~~truck or~~

1 bus will be used only for the purpose stated.

2 (7) Any person owning a motor vehicle with a gross weight of fourteen thousand
3 (14,000) pounds or less on which a wrecker crane or other equipment suitable for
4 wrecker service has been permanently mounted may register the vehicle and obtain
5 a license for eleven dollars fifty cents (\$11.50) by filing with the county clerk, in
6 addition to other information required, an affidavit that a wrecker crane or other
7 equipment suitable for wrecker service has been permanently mounted on ~~the~~^[such]
8 vehicle and that during the next twelve (12) months the vehicle will be used only in
9 wrecker service. If the gross weight of the vehicle exceeds fourteen thousand
10 (14,000) pounds, the vehicle shall be registered in accordance with subsection (3) of
11 this section. The gross weight of a vehicle used in wrecker service shall not include
12 the weight of the vehicle being towed by the wrecker.

13 (8) Motor vehicles having a declared gross weight in excess of eighteen thousand
14 (18,000) pounds, which when operated in this state are used exclusively for the
15 transportation of property within the limits of the city named in the affidavit
16 hereinafter required to be filed, or within ten (10) miles of the city limits of the city
17 if it is a city with a population equal to or greater than three thousand (3,000) based
18 upon the most recent federal decennial census, or within five (5) miles of its limits
19 if it is a city with a population of less than three thousand (3,000) based upon the
20 most recent federal decennial census, or anywhere within a county containing an
21 urban-county government, shall not be required to pay the fee as set out in
22 subsection (3) of this section, and in lieu thereof shall pay seventy-five percent
23 (75%) of the fee set forth in subsection (3) of this section and shall be exempt from
24 any fee charged under the provisions of KRS 281.752. Nothing in this section shall
25 be construed to limit any right of nonresidents to exemption from registration under
26 any other provisions of the laws granting reciprocity to nonresidents. Operations
27 outside of this state shall not be considered in determining whether or not the

1 foregoing mileage limitations have been observed. When claiming the right to the
2 reduced fee, the applicant's signature on the certificate of registration and
3 ownership shall constitute a certification or affidavit stating that the motor vehicle
4 when used within this state is used only for the transportation of property within the
5 city to be named in the affidavit and the area above set out and that the vehicle will
6 not be used outside of a city and the area above set out during the current
7 registration period.

8 (9) Motor vehicles having a declared gross weight in excess of eighteen thousand
9 (18,000) pounds, which are used exclusively for the transportation of primary forest
10 products from the harvest area to a mill or other processing facility, where ~~the~~^[such]
11 mill or processing facility is located at a point not more than fifty (50) air miles
12 from the harvest area or which are used exclusively for the transportation of
13 concrete blocks or ready-mixed concrete from the point at which ~~the~~^[such] concrete
14 blocks or ready-mixed concrete is produced to a construction site where ~~the~~^[such]
15 concrete blocks or ready-mixed concrete is to be used, where ~~the~~^[such] construction
16 site is located at a point not more than thirty (30) air miles from the point at which
17 ~~the~~^[such] concrete blocks or ready-mixed concrete is produced shall not be required
18 to pay the fee as set out in subsection (3) of this section, and in lieu thereof, shall
19 pay seventy-five percent (75%) of the fee set out in subsection (3) of this section
20 and shall be exempt from any fee charged under the provisions of KRS 281.752.
21 The applicant's signature upon the certificate of registration and ownership shall
22 constitute a certification that the motor vehicle will not be used during the current
23 registration period in any manner other than that for which the reduced fee is
24 provided in this section.

25 (10) Any owner of a commercial vehicle registered for a declared gross weight in excess
26 of eighteen thousand (18,000) pounds, intending to transfer same and desiring to
27 take advantage of the refund provisions of KRS 186.056(2), may reregister

1 ~~the[such]~~ vehicle and obtain a "For Sale" certificate of registration and ownership
2 for one dollar (\$1). Title to a vehicle so registered may be transferred, but ~~the[such]~~
3 registration shall not authorize the operation or use of the vehicle on any public
4 highway. No refund may be made under the provisions of KRS 186.056(2) until~~f~~
5 ~~such time as~~ the title to ~~the[such]~~ vehicle has been transferred to the purchaser
6 thereof. Provided, however, that nothing herein shall be so construed as to prevent
7 the seller of a commercial vehicle from transferring the registration of ~~the[such]~~
8 vehicle to any purchaser thereof.

9 (11) The annual registration fee for self-propelled vehicles containing sleeping or eating
10 facilities shall be twenty dollars (\$20) and the multiyear license plate issued shall be
11 designated "Recreational vehicle." The foregoing shall not include any motor
12 vehicle primarily designed for commercial or farm use having temporarily attached
13 thereto any sleeping or eating facilities, or any commercial vehicle having sleeping
14 facilities.

15 (12) The registration fee on any vehicle registered under this section shall be increased
16 fifty percent (50%) when the vehicle is not equipped wholly with pneumatic tires.

17 (13) (a) The Department of Vehicle Regulation is authorized to negotiate and execute
18 an agreement or agreements for the purpose of developing and instituting
19 proportional registration of motor vehicles engaged in interstate commerce, or
20 in a combination of interstate and intrastate commerce, and operating into,
21 through, or within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The agreement or
22 agreements may be made on a basis commensurate with, and determined by,
23 the miles traveled on, and use made of, the highways of this Commonwealth
24 as compared with the miles traveled on and use made of highways of other
25 states, or upon any other equitable basis of proportional registration.
26 Notwithstanding the provisions of KRS 186.020, the cabinet shall promulgate
27 administrative regulations concerning the registration of motor vehicles under

1 any agreement or agreements made under this section and shall provide for
 2 direct issuance by it of evidence of payment of any registration fee required
 3 under the~~[such]~~ agreement or agreements. Any proportional registration fee
 4 required to be collected under any proportional registration agreement or
 5 agreements shall be in accordance with the taxes established in this section.

6 (b) Any owner of a commercial vehicle who is required to title his or her motor
 7 vehicle under this section shall first title the~~[such]~~ vehicle with the county
 8 clerk pursuant to KRS 186.020 for a state fee of one dollar (\$1). Title to
 9 the~~[such]~~ vehicle may be transferred; however title without proper registration
 10 shall not authorize the operation or use of the vehicle on any public highway.
 11 Any commercial vehicle properly titled in Kentucky may also be registered in
 12 Kentucky, and, upon payment of the required fees, the department may issue
 13 an apportioned registration plate to the~~[such]~~ commercial vehicle.

14 (c) Any commercial vehicle that is properly titled in a foreign jurisdiction, which
 15 vehicle is subject to apportioned registration, as provided in paragraph (a) of
 16 this subsection, may be registered in Kentucky, and, upon proof of proper title
 17 and payment of the required fees, the department may issue an apportioned
 18 registration plate to the commercial vehicle. The department shall promulgate
 19 administrative regulations in accordance with this section.

20 (14) Any person seeking to obtain a special license plate for an automobile that has been
 21 provided to the applicant's~~[him]~~ pursuant to an occupation shall meet both of the
 22 following requirements:

23 (a) The automobile shall be provided for the full-time exclusive use of the
 24 applicant; and

25 (b) The applicant shall obtain permission in writing from the vehicle owner or
 26 lessee on a form provided by the cabinet to use the vehicle and for the vehicle
 27 to bear the special license plate.

1 (15) An applicant for any motor vehicle registration issued pursuant to this section shall
 2 have the opportunity to make a donation of two dollars (\$2) to promote a hunger
 3 relief program through specific wildlife management and conservation efforts by
 4 the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources in accordance with KRS 150.015. If
 5 an applicant elects to make a contribution under this subsection, the two dollar (\$2)
 6 donation shall be added to the regular fee for any motor vehicle registration issued
 7 pursuant to this section. One (1) donation may be made per issuance of each
 8 registration. The fee shall be paid to the county clerk and shall be transmitted by the
 9 State Treasurer to the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources to be used
 10 exclusively for the purpose of wildlife management and conservation activities in
 11 support of hunger relief. The county clerk may retain up to five percent (5%) of the
 12 fees collected under this subsection for administrative costs associated with the
 13 collection of this donation. Any donation requested under this subsection shall be
 14 voluntary and may be refused by the applicant at the time of issuance or renewal of
 15 a license plate.

16 (16) In addition to the fees outlined in this section, the county clerk shall collect from the
 17 registrants of electric vehicles, electric motorcycles, and hybrid vehicles the electric
 18 vehicle ownership fees imposed in KRS 138.475.

19 → Section 3. KRS 189.340 is amended to read as follows:

20 (1) **The driver of a vehicle**~~[Vehicles]~~ overtaking other vehicles proceeding in the same
 21 direction shall pass to the left of them and shall not again drive to the right until
 22 reasonably clear of those vehicles. **The driver of a vehicle**~~[Vehicles]~~ overtaking
 23 streetcars may pass either to the right or left when so directed by a police officer,
 24 when on a one (1) way street or where the location of the tracks prevents
 25 compliance with this section, with regard for other traffic.

26 (2) (a) **The driver of a vehicle**~~[Vehicles]~~ overtaking a bicycle or electric low-speed
 27 scooter proceeding in the same direction shall:

- 1 1. If there is more than one (1) lane for traffic proceeding in the same
2 direction, move the vehicle to the immediate left, if the lane is available
3 and moving in the lane is reasonably safe; or
- 4 2. If there is only one (1) lane for traffic proceeding in the same direction,
5 pass to the left of the bicycle or electric low-speed scooter at a distance
6 of not less than three (3) feet between any portion of the vehicle and the
7 bicycle or electric low-speed scooter and maintain that distance until
8 safely past the overtaken bicycle or electric low-speed scooter. If space
9 on the roadway is not available to have a minimum distance of three (3)
10 feet between the vehicle and the bicycle or electric low-speed scooter,
11 then the driver of the passing vehicle shall use reasonable caution in
12 passing the bicyclist or electric low-speed scooter operator.
- 13 (b) The driver of a motor vehicle may drive to the left of the center of a roadway,
14 including when a no-passing zone is marked in accordance with subsection
15 (6) of this section, to pass a person operating a bicycle or electric low-speed
16 scooter only if the roadway to the left of the center is unobstructed for a
17 sufficient distance to permit the driver to pass the person operating the bicycle
18 or electric low-speed scooter safely and avoid interference with oncoming
19 traffic. This paragraph does not authorize driving on the left side of the center
20 of the roadway when otherwise prohibited under state law.
- 21 (c) The operator of a bicycle or electric low-speed scooter shall not ride more
22 than two (2) abreast on a single highway lane unless operating on any part of
23 the roadway marked exclusively for bicycle use. Persons riding two (2)
24 abreast shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic.
- 25 (3) The operator of a vehicle may overtake and pass upon the right of another vehicle
26 only under the following conditions:
- 27 (a) When the vehicle overtaken is making or about to make a left turn; **or**

- 1 (b) Upon a roadway with unobstructed pavement of sufficient width for two (2)
 2 or more lines of vehicles moving lawfully in the direction being traveled by
 3 the overtaking vehicle.
- 4 (4) The operator of a vehicle may overtake and pass another vehicle upon the right only
 5 under conditions permitting the passing~~[such movements]~~ in safety, and not~~[. Such~~
 6 ~~movement shall not be made]~~ by driving off the roadway unless the vehicle being
 7 passed is at~~[passing vehicle comes to]~~ a complete stop and the passing~~[such~~
 8 ~~movement]~~ may be made safely.
- 9 (5) A person~~[No vehicle]~~ shall not drive a vehicle~~[be driven]~~ to the left side of the
 10 center of the roadway in overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the
 11 same direction unless the left side is clearly visible and free of oncoming traffic for
 12 a sufficient distance ahead to permit overtaking and passing to be completely made
 13 without interfering with the safe operation of any vehicle approaching from the
 14 opposite direction or any vehicle overtaken. In every event, the overtaking vehicle
 15 must return to the right-hand side of the roadway before coming within two
 16 hundred (200) feet of any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction.
- 17 (6) The commissioner of highways is hereby authorized to determine those portions of
 18 any highway where overtaking and passing or driving to the left of the roadway
 19 would be especially hazardous and may by appropriate signs or markings on the
 20 roadway indicate the beginning and end of the~~[such]~~ zones, and when~~[such]~~ signs
 21 or markings are in place and clearly visible to an ordinarily observant person, every
 22 driver of a vehicle shall obey the directions thereof, except as provided for in
 23 subsection (2)(b) of this section.
- 24 (7) Whenever any roadway has been divided into three (3) or more clearly marked
 25 lanes for travel in one (1) direction, the following additional rules shall apply:
- 26 (a) A person shall drive a vehicle~~[shall be driven]~~ as nearly as may be practical
 27 entirely within a single lane and shall not move~~[be moved]~~ from that lane until

- 1 the driver ascertains~~[has first ascertained]~~ that the movement can be made
 2 with safety;
- 3 (b) A person shall not drive a vehicle~~[shall not be driven]~~ in the center lane
 4 except when overtaking and passing another vehicle where the roadway is
 5 clearly visible and the center lane is clear of traffic within a safe distance, or
 6 in preparation for a left turn or where a center lane is at the time allocated
 7 exclusively to traffic moving in the direction in which the vehicle is
 8 proceeding and is signposted to give notice of the allocation;~~[and]~~
- 9 (c) A person shall not operate a truck tractor, trailer, or semitrailer in the
 10 leftmost lane except when entering or leaving a highway, yielding to traffic
 11 coming onto the highway, or when traffic conditions exist which would
 12 prohibit safe use of the right or center lanes; and
- 13 (d) Official signs may be erected directing slow-moving traffic to use a
 14 designated lane or allocating specified lanes to traffic moving in the same
 15 direction and operators of vehicles shall obey the directions of these~~[such]~~
 16 signs.
- 17 (8) On~~[A vehicle shall not be driven in the left lane of]~~ any limited access highway of
 18 four (4) lanes or more with a posted speed limit of at least sixty-five (65) miles per
 19 hour, a person shall not operate a motor vehicle in the leftmost lane, except
 20 when:~~[in]~~
- 21 (a) Overtaking a slower vehicle;~~[,]~~
- 22 (b) Yielding to traffic coming onto the~~[such a]~~ highway;~~[,]~~ or
- 23 (c) ~~[when]~~ Traffic conditions exist which would prohibit safe use of the right or
 24 center lanes.
- 25 (9) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection, the operator of a motor
 26 vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and
 27 prudent, having regard for the speed of the vehicle and the traffic upon and

1 condition of the highway.

2 (b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection, the operator of any
3 motor truck, semitrailer truck, bus, or heavy construction equipment unit,
4 when traveling upon a highway outside of a business or residential district,
5 shall not follow within two hundred fifty (250) feet of another ~~such~~ vehicle
6 or equipment unit. This subsection shall not prevent overtaking and passing,
7 nor shall it apply to any lane specially designated for use of motor trucks or
8 semitrailer trucks, buses or heavy construction equipment units.

9 (c) Paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection shall not apply to a trailing
10 commercial motor vehicle involved in a platoon as defined in KRS 281.010,
11 but shall apply to the commercial motor vehicle leading a platoon.

12 → Section 4. KRS 281.926 is amended to read as follows:

13 (1) This section applies to any towing company that engages in, or offers to engage in,
14 emergency towing.

15 (2) Prior to attaching a motor vehicle to the tow truck, the towing company shall
16 furnish the vehicle's owner or operator, if the owner or operator is present at the
17 scene of the disabled vehicle and upon the owner's or operator's request, a rate sheet
18 listing all rates for towing services, including but not limited to all rates for towing
19 and associated fees, cleanup, labor, storage, and any other services provided by the
20 towing company.

21 (3) (a) Any towing company or storage facility shall:

22 1. Post a rate sheet as described in subsection (2) of this section at its
23 place of business;

24 2. Provide a current rate sheet to the nearest Department of Kentucky
25 State Police post and any law enforcement agency in its service area;
26 and ~~shall~~

27 3. Make the rate sheet available upon a customer's request.

1 (b) Any charge in excess of the rate sheets provided under this subsection shall be
2 deemed excessive.

3 **(c) If a towing company fails to comply with any of the provisions of this**
4 **subsection, the Department of Kentucky State Police and any local law**
5 **enforcement agency in the company's service area shall remove that towing**
6 **company from its wrecker log for a period of:**

7 **1. Six (6) months for the first violation; and**

8 **2. One (1) year for any subsequent violation.**

9 (4) An itemized invoice of actual towing charges assessed by a towing company for a
10 completed tow shall be made available to the owner of the motor vehicle or the
11 owner's agent no later than one (1) business day after:

12 (a) The tow is completed; or

13 (b) The towing company has obtained all necessary information to be included on
14 the invoice, including any charges submitted by subcontractors used by the
15 towing company to complete the tow and recovery.

16 (5) The itemized invoice required under subsection (4) of this section shall contain the
17 following information:

18 (a) The date and time the motor vehicle was towed;

19 (b) The location to which the motor vehicle was towed;

20 (c) The name, address, and telephone number of the towing company;

21 (d) A description of the towed motor vehicle, including the color, make, model,
22 year, and vehicle identification number of the motor vehicle;

23 (e) The license plate number and state of registration for the towed motor vehicle;

24 (f) The cost of the original towing service;

25 (g) The cost of any vehicle storage fees, expressed as a daily rate;

26 (h) Other fees, including documentation fees and motor vehicle search fees; and

27 (i) A list of the services that were performed under a warranty or that were

1 otherwise performed at no cost to the owner of the motor vehicle.

2 (6) Any service or fee in addition to the services or fees described in subsection (5)(f),
3 (g), or (h) of this section shall be set forth individually as a single line item on the
4 invoice required by this section, with an explanation and the exact charge for the
5 service or the exact amount of the fee.

6 (7) A copy of each invoice and receipt submitted by a tow truck operator in accordance
7 with this section shall:

8 (a) Be retained by the towing company for a period of two (2) years from the date
9 of issuance; and

10 (b) Throughout the two (2) year period described in this subsection, be made
11 available for inspection and copying not later than forty-eight (48) hours after
12 receiving a written request for inspection from:

13 1. A law enforcement agency;

14 2. The Attorney General;

15 3. A city attorney, county attorney, or the prosecuting attorney having
16 jurisdiction in the location of any of the towing company's business
17 locations;

18 4. The disabled motor vehicle's owner or lienholder;

19 5. An agent of the disabled motor vehicle's owner or lienholder; or

20 6. Any individual involved in the underlying collision, his or her respective
21 insurance companies, or his or her legal representatives, if the disabled
22 motor vehicle was involved in a collision.

23 → Section 5. KRS 189.222 is amended to read as follows:

24 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the secretary of the
25 Transportation Cabinet in respect to highways which are a part of the state-
26 maintained system, by official order, may increase on designated highways or
27 portions thereof, the maximum height, length, and gross weight prescribed in KRS

1 189.221, if in the opinion of the secretary, the increased height, length, and weight
2 designated by him or her are justified by the strength, safety, and durability of the
3 designated highways, and the highways do not appear susceptible to unreasonable
4 and unusual damage by reason of the increases and the secretary may establish
5 reasonable classification of state maintained roads and fix a different maximum for
6 each classification. Any increase in the height, length, or width of any motor truck
7 or tractor semitrailer combinations or any other vehicle combinations including any
8 part of the body or load or designation of highways to be used by the vehicles, shall
9 not, in any way, exceed the federal law or regulations thereunder or jeopardize the
10 allotment or qualification for federal aid funds of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
11 or exceed the following dimensions and weights:

- 12 (a) 1. Height, for vehicles transporting motor vehicles, fourteen (14) feet; and
13 2. Height, for all other vehicles, thirteen and one-half (13-1/2) feet;
- 14 (b) Length, semitrailers, fifty-three (53) feet; trailers, twenty-eight (28) feet;
15 motor trucks, forty-five (45) feet, not to exceed two (2) trailers per truck
16 tractor;
- 17 (c) Weight, twenty thousand (20,000) pounds per single axle, with axles less than
18 forty-two (42) inches apart to be considered as a single axle; thirty-four
19 thousand (34,000) pounds on two (2) axles in tandem arrangement which are
20 spaced forty-two (42) inches or more apart and less than ninety-six (96)
21 inches apart; forty-eight thousand (48,000) pounds on three (3) axles which
22 are spaced forty-two (42) inches or more apart and less than one hundred
23 twenty (120) inches apart. No single axle in any arrangement shall exceed
24 twenty thousand (20,000) pounds or seven hundred (700) pounds per inch of
25 the aggregate width of all the tires on a single axle, whichever is less. The
26 total gross weight of the vehicle and load shall not exceed eighty thousand
27 (80,000) pounds;

- 1 (d) Except on the interstate highway system, a tolerance of not more than five
2 percent (5%) per axle load shall be permitted before a carrier is deemed to
3 have violated paragraph (c) of this subsection. The gross weight shall not
4 exceed eighty thousand (80,000) pounds;
- 5 (e) Except as provided for in paragraph (f) of this subsection, truck tractor,
6 semitrailer and trailer combinations, and other vehicle combinations may be
7 operated only on the interstate system and on those parts of the federal aid
8 highway system and the state-maintained system which have been designated
9 by the secretary of the Transportation Cabinet by official order as safely
10 allowing same; *and*
- 11 (f) A vehicle or combination of vehicles that is one hundred two (102) inches
12 wide or less and has a gross weight of not more than eighty thousand (80,000)
13 pounds may be driven on any state highway, for a distance of up to fifteen
14 (15) miles from an interstate or parkway exit.
- 15 (2) In addition to the provisions of KRS 189.2226, vehicles with a gross weight of up
16 to eighty thousand (80,000) pounds may travel on any state highway in the
17 Commonwealth without obtaining a special permit, if the weight does not exceed
18 any limits mandated by federal law or regulation, any posted bridge weight limit, or
19 the weight limits for the size and type of vehicle established under paragraph (c) of
20 subsection (1) of this section, and if the vehicle is transporting any of the following:
- 21 (a) Meats or agricultural crop products originating from a farm to first market;
- 22 (b) Livestock or poultry from their point of origin to first market. As used in this
23 paragraph and in paragraph (d) of this subsection, "livestock" means cattle,
24 sheep, swine, goats, horses, alpacas, llamas, buffaloes, or any other animals of
25 the bovine, ovine, porcine, caprine, equine, or camelid species;
- 26 (c) Primary forest products, including, but not limited to, sawdust, wood chips,
27 bark, slabs, or logs originating from their points of origin to first market; or

- 1 (d) Supplies, materials, or equipment necessary to carry out a farming operation
2 engaged in the production of agricultural crop products, meats, livestock, or
3 poultry.
- 4 (3) The following vehicles registered under KRS 186.050 may exceed the gross weight
5 provisions set forth in subsection (1)(c) of this section by a weight tolerance of ten
6 percent (10%), except on the interstate highway system:
- 7 (a) Vehicles that are engaged exclusively in the transportation of items listed in
8 subsection (2)(a), (b), and (c) of this section; and
- 9 (b) Vehicles that are engaged exclusively in the transportation of feed for
10 livestock or poultry.
- 11 (4) Vehicles exclusively engaged in the transportation of motor vehicles,
12 unmanufactured tobacco, or unmanufactured tobacco products may, on those
13 highways which are a part of the state-maintained system and which have been
14 designated by the secretary of the Transportation Cabinet by official order as safely
15 allowing same, attain the maximum lengths as provided by subsection (1)(b) of this
16 section, excluding the usual and ordinary bumper overhang of the transported
17 vehicles.
- 18 (5) Vehicles engaged exclusively in the transportation of farm or primary forestry
19 products and registered under KRS 186.050(4) or 186.050(9) and vehicles engaged
20 exclusively in the transportation of ready-mixed concrete shall be excluded from
21 the axle weight provisions, except on interstate highways, and subject only to total
22 gross weight provisions.
- 23 (6) Vehicles registered pursuant to KRS 186.050(3)(b) and engaged in the
24 transportation of primary forest products, including, but not limited to, vehicles
25 transporting sawdust, wood chips, bark, slabs, or logs, may exceed the axle, or
26 gross weight provisions as set forth in accordance with subsection (1)(c) of this
27 section by a weight tolerance of ten percent (10%), except on the interstate highway

1 system.

2 (7) Vehicles designed for and engaged exclusively in the collection and hauling of
3 refuse and registered under KRS 186.050(3)(b) shall be excluded from the axle
4 weight provisions, except when in operation on the federal interstate system, and
5 subject only to total gross weight provisions.

6 (8) The secretary of the Transportation Cabinet may by order increase the weight and
7 height limits prescribed by this chapter for motor vehicles while being operated
8 exclusively on roads or highways being constructed, reconstructed, or repaired
9 under contract with the Transportation Cabinet by the contractor or subcontractor,
10 agent, or employee thereof.

11 (9) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the secretary of the Transportation
12 Cabinet shall not authorize the operation of any vehicle or combination of vehicles,
13 upon any part of the federal aid highway system or state parkway system, which
14 exceeds the following dimensions and weights:

15 (a) Width, one hundred two (102) inches, including any part of the body or load;

16 **or**

17 (b) Weight, twenty thousand (20,000) pounds per single axle, with axles less than
18 forty-two (42) inches apart to be considered as a single axle; thirty-four
19 thousand (34,000) pounds on two (2) axles in tandem arrangement which are
20 spaced forty-two (42) inches or more apart and less than ninety-six (96)
21 inches apart; forty-eight thousand (48,000) pounds on three (3) axles which
22 are spaced forty-two (42) inches or more apart and less than one hundred
23 twenty (120) inches apart. The total gross weight of the vehicle and load shall
24 not exceed eighty thousand (80,000) pounds. If any federal law or laws or
25 regulations thereunder are hereafter enacted authorizing weights and
26 dimensions in excess of those set out in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this
27 subsection, the secretary of the Transportation Cabinet may by official order

1 increase the maximum weights and dimensions but the increased weights and
2 dimensions shall not exceed those set out in this section.

3 (10) Except on the interstate highway system, vehicles engaged exclusively in the
4 transportation of crushed stone, fill dirt and rock, soil, bulk sand, coal, phosphate
5 muck, asphalt, concrete, solid waste, tankage or animal residues, livestock, feed for
6 livestock or poultry, and agricultural products shall be permitted a tolerance of ten
7 percent (10%) of the axle weight provisions before a carrier is deemed to have
8 violated paragraph (1)(c) of this section.

9 (11) **For any vehicle which is equipped with an auxiliary power unit, the weight limits**
10 **set forth in this section shall be increased by four hundred (400) pounds.**

11 **(12)** The Transportation Cabinet may promulgate administrative regulations pursuant to
12 KRS Chapter 13A, relating to the implementation of 23 C.F.R. ~~pt. [Part]~~ 658 as it
13 relates to state-maintained or locally maintained roads. The enforcement of the
14 provisions of KRS 189.221 and this section on locally maintained roads shall not be
15 the responsibility of the law enforcement officers of the Transportation Cabinet,
16 unless the head of the corresponding local government unit has requested, in
17 writing, enforcement assistance from the Transportation Cabinet.

18 ➔ Section 6. KRS 189.221 is amended to read as follows:

19 A person shall not operate on any highway, except those highways designated by the
20 secretary of transportation under the provisions of KRS 189.222, or those locally
21 maintained highways under the provisions of KRS 189.222**(12)**~~[(11)]~~ or KRS 189.230(4),
22 any of the following trucks, trailers, manufactured homes, or vehicles:

23 (1) Any motor truck, semitrailer, trailer, manufactured home, or vehicle which exceeds
24 eleven and one-half (11-1/2) feet in height or ninety-six (96) inches in width,
25 including any part of the body or load;

26 (2) Any motor truck, except a semitrailer truck, which exceeds twenty-six and one half
27 (26-1/2) feet in length, including any part of the body or load;

- 1 (3) Any semitrailer truck which exceeds thirty (30) feet in length, including any part of
2 the body or load;
- 3 (4) Any truck, semitrailer truck, or truck and trailer unit which exceeds 36,000 pounds
4 gross weight, including the load;
- 5 (5) Any truck, semitrailer truck, or tractor-trailer unit which exceeds a gross weight
6 equal to the sum of six hundred (600) pounds per inch of the combined width of the
7 tires upon which the vehicle may be propelled, but no more than thirty-six thousand
8 (36,000) pounds; ~~and~~;
- 9 (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any truck hauling building materials
10 under KRS 189.2226, or to a road construction project on a highway rated less than
11 the maximum weight provided above, may haul up to eighty thousand (80,000)
12 pounds gross weight, including the load, without a permit.

13 → Section 7. KRS 75.450 is amended to read as follows:

- 14 (1) A fire department which collects membership charges or subscriber fees for
15 combatting fires or serving in other emergencies shall base its annual fee or charge
16 on the level of protection offered.
- 17 (2) A fire department that responds to a fire or other emergency on the property of a
18 nonmember or nonsubscriber may charge the following fees for services rendered:
- 19 (a) Up to five hundred dollars (\$500) for single family residential units; utility
20 occupancies of two thousand (2,000) or fewer square feet; assembly and
21 business occupancies having a capacity which does not exceed one hundred
22 (100) persons; equipment; vehicles; and grass or woods fires; and
- 23 (b) Up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for multifamily residential units;
24 assembly and business occupancies having a capacity exceeding one hundred
25 (100) persons; storage occupancies; utility occupancies of more than two
26 thousand (2,000) square feet; and all industrial, educational, or institutional
27 occupancies; and

- 1 (c) Up to one thousand~~five hundred~~ dollars (\$1,000)~~(\$500)~~ for responding to
 2 emergencies not covered in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection,
 3 including response to high hazard occupancies as defined in KRS 198B.010.
 4 The department may be entitled to recover necessary and reasonable costs in
 5 excess of the one thousand~~five hundred~~ dollar (\$1,000)~~(\$500)~~ limit based
 6 upon submission of a written itemized claim for the total costs incurred.
 7 Disputes involving fees in excess of the one thousand~~five hundred~~ dollar
 8 (\$1,000)~~(\$500)~~ limit shall be submitted to arbitration by the commission.
- 9 (3) For the purposes of subsection (2)(a) and (b) of this section, the meaning of
 10 assembly, business, industrial, educational, and institutional occupancies shall be as
 11 defined in KRS 198B.010. The meaning of storage and utility occupancies shall be
 12 as defined in the Kentucky Building Code, Sections 311.1 and 312.1 respectively,
 13 promulgated pursuant to KRS 198B.050.
- 14 (4) Property owned by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the federal government
 15 shall be exempt from charges.
- 16 (5) If more than one (1) department responds to a fire or other emergency, the fee shall
 17 be paid only to the department which is authorized to protect the property pursuant
 18 to KRS 75.440(2)(a).
- 19 (6) A fire department shall respond within its jurisdiction to all fires and to other
 20 emergencies for which it is responsible as set forth in its mission statement. A copy
 21 of each fire department mission statement shall be filed with the commission. A
 22 new department shall file its statement when it is incorporated. A department in
 23 existence on July 15, 1994, shall file its mission statement by July 1, 1995. A copy
 24 of the mission statement shall be posted in a conspicuous location in each station of
 25 the department, and shall be filed with the county clerk of each county in which the
 26 department has jurisdiction pursuant to KRS 75.440(2)(a). The mission statement
 27 shall remain in effect until amended, and filed and posted by the fire department in

1 the locations as required by this subsection.

2 (7) If a fire department collects membership charges or subscriber fees, the fiscal court
 3 may adopt an ordinance to require the annual membership charges or subscriber
 4 fees to be added to property tax bills. In any county where the fiscal court has
 5 adopted such an ordinance, the county clerk shall add the annual membership
 6 charges or subscriber fees to the tax bills of the affected property owners in a place
 7 separate from the bill of the fire district tax or fire subdistrict tax so that ratepayers
 8 can ascertain the amount of the membership charges or subscriber fees apart from
 9 the fire district tax.

10 (8) The membership charges or subscriber fees shall be collected and distributed by the
 11 sheriff to the appropriate fire departments in the same manner as the other taxes on
 12 the bill and unpaid fees or charges shall bear the same penalty as general state and
 13 county taxes. This shall be a lien on the property against which it is levied from the
 14 time of the levy. The fiscal court shall, in the ordinance set forth in subsection (7) of
 15 this section and in consultation with the sheriff and the fire department, set a
 16 collection fee for the sheriff to retain an amount not to exceed four and one-fourth
 17 percent (4.25%) of the membership charges or subscriber fees collected.

18 → Section 8. KRS 189.270 is amended to read as follows:

19 (1) (a) The department may issue permits for the operation of motor vehicles,
 20 manufactured homes, recreational vehicles, boats, or any other vehicle
 21 transporting a nondivisible load, whose gross weight including load, height,
 22 width, or length exceeds the limits prescribed by this chapter or which in other
 23 respects fail to comply with the requirements of this chapter. Permits may be
 24 issued by the department for stated periods, special purposes, and unusual
 25 conditions, and upon terms in the interest of public safety and the preservation
 26 of the highways as the department may require.

27 (b) Subject to the limitations in subsection (4) of this section, the department

1 shall promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS
 2 Chapter 13A to set fees for permits established under this section.

3 (2) Except as provided in subsection (8) of this section, the department may, at the
 4 request of an applicant, issue a single-trip permit regardless of the type of vehicle or
 5 equipment being transported that exceeds the weight or dimension limits
 6 established by this chapter if the load being transported is a nondivisible load.~~[A~~
 7 ~~single-trip permit shall cost sixty dollars (\$60) for each overweight or~~
 8 ~~overdimensional permit requested.]~~

9 (3) (a) Except as provided in subsection (8) of this section, the department may, at
 10 the request of an applicant, issue an annual permit regardless of the type of
 11 vehicle or equipment being transported that exceeds the weight or dimension
 12 limits established by this chapter if the load being transported is a nondivisible
 13 load.

14 (b) The vehicle operating under a permit issued under this subsection shall not
 15 exceed sixteen (16) feet in width exclusive of usual and ordinary overhang,
 16 one hundred twenty (120) feet in length including a towing vehicle and trailer
 17 combination, thirteen (13) feet six (6) inches in height, or one hundred sixty
 18 thousand (160,000) pounds.

19 ~~[(c) Except as provided in subsections (4), (7), and (8) of this section, an annual~~
 20 ~~permit for loads less than or equal to fourteen (14) feet in width shall cost two~~
 21 ~~hundred fifty dollars (\$250). An annual permit for loads exceeding fourteen~~
 22 ~~(14) feet in width shall cost five hundred dollars (\$500).]~~

23 (4) The department shall establish the following~~[An]~~ annual permits~~[permit]~~ to
 24 transport farm equipment, with the listed fee limits:

25 (a) For equipment less than or equal to fourteen (14) feet in width,~~[shall cost]~~
 26 eighty dollars (\$80); and~~[. An annual permit to transport farm equipment]~~

27 (b) For equipment that exceeds fourteen (14) feet in width, when transported

1 from a dealership to a farm, from a farm to a dealership, or from a dealership
2 to a dealership, ~~shall cost~~ one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).

3 (5) Permits issued under this section shall be for nondivisible loads and shall be valid
4 statewide; however, the department may, as a condition of issuing an annual or
5 single-trip permit, limit the overweight or overdimensional vehicle to specified
6 routes, exclude certain highways, or even cancel an applicant's permit if an
7 unreasonable risk of accident or an unreasonable impedance of the flow of traffic
8 would result from the presence of the overweight or overdimensional vehicle. A
9 person who applies for, and accepts, a permit issued under this section is
10 acknowledging that the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is not guaranteeing safe
11 passage of vehicles by issuing the permit. A person who applies for, and accepts, a
12 permit issued under this section agrees to measure all clearances of highway
13 structures, both laterally and vertically, prior to passage of the person's vehicles
14 along the routes specified in the permit. A person who applies for, and accepts, a
15 permit issued under this section is classified as a bare licensee whose duty is to
16 assume sole risk involved in using Kentucky's highways without warranty of
17 accuracy.

18 (6) Subject to the limitations of subsection (12) of this section, the department shall
19 promulgate administrative regulations under KRS Chapter 13A to establish
20 requirements for escort vehicles, safety markings, and other safety restrictions
21 governing the operation of an overweight or overdimensional vehicle. The
22 department shall provide each applicant for an annual or single-trip permit issued
23 under this section a copy of all restrictions associated with the overweight or
24 overdimensional permit at no charge to the applicant. The department shall be
25 prohibited from raising the permit fee established in subsections (2) and (3) of this
26 section by levying additional fees for an overweight or overdimensional permit
27 through the administrative regulation process.

- 1 (7) (a) Notwithstanding KRS 189.269, the department may, at the request of an
 2 applicant who is a transporter of manufactured housing, issue an annual
 3 permit that exceeds the weight or dimension limits established by this chapter
 4 if the load being transported is a nondivisible load.
- 5 (b) The vehicle operated shall not exceed sixteen (16) feet in width exclusive of
 6 usual and ordinary overhang, one hundred twenty (120) feet in length
 7 including a towing vehicle and trailer combination, fifteen (15) feet in height,
 8 or one hundred sixty thousand (160,000) pounds.
- 9 ~~(c) [The cost for an annual permit issued under this subsection shall be:~~
- 10 ~~1. One thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for loads greater than fourteen~~
 11 ~~(14) feet in width or greater than thirteen (13) feet six (6) inches in height; and~~
- 12 ~~2. Five hundred dollars (\$500) for loads less than or equal to fourteen (14) feet~~
 13 ~~in width and less than or equal to thirteen (13) feet six (6) inches in height.~~
- 14 ~~(d)]~~ The holder of a permit issued under this subsection shall, when transporting a
 15 manufactured home:
- 16 1. Abide by all escort requirements, safety markings, and other safety
 17 restrictions governing overweight and overdimensional vehicles; and
- 18 2. Equip each truck operating under a permit with global positioning
 19 system technology that keeps a record of locations traveled. The travel
 20 records of trucks operating under a permit shall be open to inspection by
 21 the Transportation Cabinet.
- 22 ~~(d)]~~ (e) Any person with a permit under this subsection who operates a vehicle
 23 greater than thirteen (13) feet six (6) inches in height while operating in a
 24 restricted area designated by the Transportation Cabinet shall be fined one
 25 thousand dollars (\$1,000).
- 26 (8) The cabinet shall not issue an annual permit under this section if the person
 27 applying for the permit is eligible for an annual permit issued under KRS 189.2716

- 1 or 189.2717.
- 2 (9) The department may require the applicant to give bond, with approved surety, to
3 indemnify the state or counties against damage to highways or bridges resulting
4 from use by the applicant. The operation of vehicles in accordance with the terms of
5 the permit issued under this section shall not constitute a violation of this chapter if
6 the operator has the permit, or an authenticated copy of it, in his *or her* possession.
- 7 (10) Any person transporting a parade float which exceeds the dimensional limits on a
8 highway over which it is transported shall be required to obtain a permit as required
9 in subsection (2) of this section. If the float is being used in conjunction with a
10 parade to be held within the boundaries of the Commonwealth, a fee shall not be
11 assessed by the department to issue the permit.
- 12 (11) A person shall not operate any vehicle in violation of the terms of the permit issued
13 under this section.
- 14 (12) (a) The cabinet shall not promulgate administrative regulations pursuant to this
15 section that restrict the time or days of the week when a permit holder may
16 operate on the highway, except that travel may be limited from 6 a.m. to 9
17 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. In addition to the
18 restrictions established in this paragraph, any manufactured home being
19 transported by permit issued under this section shall not travel on any
20 highway after daylight hours Monday through Saturday, or at any time on
21 Sunday.
- 22 (b) The cabinet shall allow a permit holder who has obtained a permit to transport
23 equipment to a work site to return to the permit holder's place of business
24 immediately after work is completed at the job site, subject to the limitations
25 of paragraph (a) of this subsection.
- 26 (c) The cabinet shall not promulgate administrative regulations pursuant to this
27 section setting forth escort vehicle requirements for overdimensional farm

1 implements or vehicles towing overdimensional farm implements that are
2 more stringent than the following:

- 3 1. For a single vehicle and load in excess of twelve (12) feet in width being
4 operated on a two (2) lane highway, no more than one (1) lead vehicle
5 shall be required;
- 6 2. For a single vehicle and load in excess of twelve (12) feet in width being
7 operated on a four (4) lane highway, no more than one (1) trail vehicle
8 shall be required;
- 9 3. For a single vehicle and load in excess of eighty-five (85) feet in length
10 being operated on a two (2) lane highway, no more than one (1) lead
11 vehicle shall be required;
- 12 4. For more than one (1) vehicle and load in excess of twelve (12) feet in
13 width or eighty-five (85) feet in length being operated as a convoy on a
14 two (2) lane highway, no more than one (1) lead vehicle shall be
15 required;
- 16 5. A lead escort vehicle on a two (2) lane highway under this paragraph
17 may also serve as a tow vehicle;
- 18 6. Any distance for lead or trail escort vehicles shall contain provisions
19 allowing for a variance from that distance due to safety or road
20 conditions; and
- 21 7. A vehicle or its escort shall be required to bear a sign declaring that the
22 vehicle is oversized or be required to use lights, flashers, or flags, but a
23 vehicle or its escort shall not be required to do both.

24 → Section 9. KRS 189.271 is amended to read as follows:

- 25 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of laws, the Transportation Cabinet may issue
26 special permits to the owners, operators, or lessees of motor vehicles for the
27 purpose of hauling industrial materials whose gross weight or dimensions,

1 including vehicle and load, exceeds the limits prescribed by this chapter or which in
 2 other respects fail to comply with the requirements of this chapter. A separate
 3 permit shall be required for each vehicle. ~~Such~~ Permits **issued in accordance with**
 4 **this section** shall be issued:

5 **(a)** For specified materials only and shall designate the portions of the state
 6 primary road system over which ~~the~~~~such~~ vehicle may operate pursuant to
 7 the permit;

8 **(b)** ~~Such permit shall be issued~~ For a stated period of time determined by the
 9 applicant not to exceed three (3) years, and an existing permit may be
 10 renewed pending an inspection by the cabinet of the routes listed on the
 11 permit; **and**

12 **(c)** ~~Permits under this section shall be~~ Upon ~~the~~~~such~~ terms and conditions as
 13 the cabinet may, in its discretion, require in the public interest.

14 (2) The cabinet may establish a system by which a current permit holder can be granted
 15 a new permit specifying different routes or materials without having to complete a
 16 new application or pay a separate application fee.

17 (3) The cabinet shall:

18 **(a)** **Promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter**
 19 **13A to set fees for permits established under this section; and**~~require, as a~~
 20 ~~condition to the issuance of the permit, that the applicant pay a reasonable fee,~~
 21 ~~to be fixed by the cabinet, and shall~~

22 **(b)** Require that an applicant convicted under provisions of KRS 189.990(2)(a)
 23 two (2) or more times within a five (5) year period give bond, with approved
 24 surety, in an amount not to exceed six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for each
 25 vehicle to indemnify the Commonwealth of Kentucky against damage to
 26 highways or bridges resulting from the operation of any motor vehicle under
 27 the authorization of ~~the~~~~such~~ permit. A bond acquired under this subsection

1 may be carried forward to another permit if the cabinet has not gone against
2 the bond.

- 3 (4) The operation of any motor vehicle in accordance with the terms of ~~the~~~~[any such]~~
4 permit shall not constitute a violation of this chapter, if the operator has the permit,
5 or a copy of it, authenticated as the cabinet may require, in his or her possession.
- 6 (5) The cabinet shall not issue a permit under this section for a vehicle whose gross
7 weight, including vehicle and load, exceeds the maximum gross weight as provided
8 in KRS 189.222.
- 9 (6) The cabinet shall not issue a permit under this section for a vehicle whose
10 dimensions, including vehicle and load, exceed the maximum dimension as
11 provided in KRS 189.222.
- 12 (7) A person shall not operate a motor vehicle in violation of the terms and conditions
13 of any permit issued by the cabinet pursuant to this section.
- 14 (8) As used in this section, industrial materials shall mean all cargo, whether divisible
15 or indivisible, which a motor vehicle transports in the usual and ordinary course of
16 business and shall specifically include, but not be limited to, agricultural products,
17 minerals, or natural resources transported by a motor vehicle.
- 18 (9) The cabinet may:
- 19 (a) Exercise general supervision of the administering and enforcement of this
20 section;~~[-]~~
- 21 (b) Promulgate administrative regulations, subject to the limitations of this
22 section, with respect to the issuance of a permit, including, but not limited to,
23 administrative regulations concerning the duration of permits and weight
24 limits for various types of vehicles, materials, and highways;~~[-]~~
- 25 (c) Promulgate administrative regulations with respect to the amount, terms and
26 conditions of the bond and the sufficiency of the surety of ~~a~~~~[such]~~ bond
27 required by this section. The cabinet shall allow applicants not required to

1 post a surety bond under subsection (3) of this section to self-insure to meet
2 the bonding requirements of this section; and[-]

3 (d) Issue, continue in effect, revoke, modify, or deny, under[-such] conditions as
4 the cabinet may prescribe, permits provided for under this section.

5 → Section 10. KRS 189.2713 is amended to read as follows:

6 (1) As used in this section, "metal commodities" means:

7 (a) Output products from metal-producing industries that are transported in their
8 most basic and original form from a mill or storage facility to market for
9 processing; and[-]

10 (b) [~~"Metal commodities"~~] Does not include manufactured parts being transported
11 from a manufacturer or supplier to another customer.

12 (2) The department shall promulgate administrative regulations pursuant to KRS
13 Chapter 13A governing the issuance of annual and single-trip permits for the
14 operation of motor vehicles transporting metal commodities with a minimum gross
15 weight of eighty thousand and one (80,001) pounds and a maximum gross weight of
16 one hundred twenty thousand (120,000) pounds in divisible or nondivisible loads to
17 or from a facility manufacturing metal commodities in this state or a facility used
18 for storage of metal commodities. *The administrative regulations promulgated*
19 *under this section shall include fees for annual and single-trip permits.*

20 (3) A motor carrier transporting metal commodities in divisible or nondivisible loads to
21 or from a facility manufacturing metal commodities in this state or a facility used
22 for storage of metal commodities, may apply for an annual or single-trip overweight
23 permit pursuant to subsection (2) of this section. A permit issued under this section
24 shall be specific to a single truck and shall be valid twenty-four (24) hours a day.

25 ~~(4) (a) The cost of an annual permit issued under this section shall be one thousand~~
26 ~~two hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250).~~

27 ~~(b) The cost of a single trip permit issued under this section shall be one hundred~~

1 ~~dollars (\$100).~~

2 ~~(5)}~~ Permits issued under this section shall contain a website~~[Web-site]~~ hyperlink or any
3 other method to provide the motor carrier with routes that are approved by the
4 department.

5 ~~(5)~~~~(6)}~~ Upon renewal of any annual permit issued under this section, the permit
6 holder shall report to the cabinet the number of trips made and the total miles driven
7 under the permit during the previous year.

8 ~~(6)~~~~(7)}~~ Administrative regulations promulgated by the department under this section
9 may require motor carriers to meet specific Federal Motor Carrier Safety
10 Administration (FMCSA) safety ratings and FMCSA safety measurement system
11 scores before issuance of a permit under this section.

12 ➔ Section 11. KRS 189.2716 is amended to read as follows:

13 (1) As used in this section, "riverport" means a riverport facility established by a
14 riverport authority under KRS 65.520.

15 (2) In order to promote economic development and retain jobs within this state, subject
16 to KRS 189.222, the department shall promulgate administrative regulations
17 pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A governing the issue of annual permits for the
18 operation of motor vehicles that are transporting steel products in divisible or
19 nondivisible loads on state highways from a facility manufacturing products in this
20 state to a riverport within this state, and whose dimensions exceed the limits for
21 vehicle width prescribed by this chapter.

22 (3) The maximum width dimension for an overdimensional permit issued in accordance
23 with this section shall be ten (10) feet.

24 (4) A motor carrier transporting steel products in divisible or nondivisible loads from a
25 facility manufacturing steel products in this state may apply for an annual
26 overdimensional permit pursuant to subsection (2) of this section. An application
27 for a permit shall identify the route to be used. The permit shall be valid twenty-

1 four (24) hours a day, but shall be limited to movements of steel products within the
2 state of not more than seven (7) road miles from the manufacturing facility.

3 **(5) The department shall promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with**
4 **KRS Chapter 13A to set fees for permits established under this section**~~cost of the~~
5 ~~annual permit shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)].~~

6 → Section 12. KRS 189.2717 is amended to read as follows:

7 (1) Subject to the provisions of KRS 189.222, the department may promulgate
8 administrative regulations pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A governing the issuance of
9 annual permits for the operation of motor vehicles transporting nondivisible loads
10 in this Commonwealth whose gross weight exceeds the limits prescribed by this
11 chapter. The gross weight of a motor vehicle operating pursuant to this section shall
12 not exceed one hundred twenty thousand (120,000) pounds. The movement of the
13 overweight motor vehicle shall be limited to a specific route set forth on the annual
14 permit.

15 (2) The following axle weights shall not be exceeded in the loading of a nondivisible
16 load:

17 (a) Single axle with axles less than forty-two (42) inches apart and being the
18 steering axle with one (1) wheel on each side of the axle to be considered a
19 single axle shall not be more than fifteen thousand (15,000) pounds;

20 (b) Two (2) axles in tandem arrangement which are spaced forty-two (42) inches
21 or more apart and less than ninety-six (96) inches apart shall not be more than
22 forty thousand (40,000) pounds;

23 (c) Three (3) axles in tridem arrangement which are spaced forty-two (42) or
24 more inches apart and less than one hundred twenty (120) inches apart shall
25 not be more than sixty-five thousand (65,000) pounds; and

26 (d) Dual wheel axle with one (1) axle with two (2) wheels on each side of the axle
27 to be considered a dual wheel axle shall not be more than twenty thousand

1 (20,000) pounds each.

2 (3) Each motor vehicle operating pursuant to this section shall comply with the safety
3 provisions set forth in the administrative regulations promulgated by the department
4 pursuant to this section.

5 (4) The department shall promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with
6 KRS Chapter 13A to set fees for permits established under this section~~[fee for the~~
7 ~~annual permit for each motor vehicle pursuant to this section shall be five hundred~~
8 ~~dollars (\$500)]~~.

9 (5) The department may refuse to issue a permit for a requested route because of the
10 inadequacies of the roadway or a structure on that route.

11 → Section 13. KRS 132.487 is amended to read as follows:

12 (1) The department shall develop and administer a centralized ad valorem tax system
13 for all motor vehicles as defined in KRS 186.010. This system shall be designed to
14 allow the collection of state, county, city, urban-county government, school, and
15 special taxing district ad valorem taxes due on each motor vehicle at the time of
16 registration of the motor vehicle by the party charged with issuing the registration.
17 The department shall supervise and instruct the property valuation administrators
18 and other officials with respect to their duties in relation to this system.

19 (2) Except as otherwise provided by law, the tax rate levied by the state, counties,
20 schools, cities, and special tax districts on motor vehicles shall not exceed the rate
21 that could have been levied on motor vehicles by the district on the January 1, 1983
22 assessments. All counties, schools, cities, and special taxing districts proposing to
23 levy an ad valorem tax on motor vehicles shall submit to the department on or
24 before October 1 of the year preceding the assessment date, the tax rate to be levied
25 against valuations as of that assessment date. Any district that fails to timely submit
26 the tax rate shall receive the rate in effect for the prior year.

27 (3) The compensating tax rate and maximum possible tax rate allowable for counties,

1 schools, cities, and special taxing districts on property other than motor vehicles for
 2 the 1984 and subsequent tax periods shall be calculated excluding all valuations of
 3 and tax revenues from motor vehicles from the base amounts used in arriving at
 4 these general rates.

5 (4) The Transportation Cabinet shall provide access to all records of motor vehicle
 6 registrations to the department and the property valuation administrators as
 7 necessary to prepare and maintain a complete tax roll of motor vehicles throughout
 8 each year.

9 (5) The property valuation administrator shall, subject to the direction, instruction, and
 10 supervision of the department, have responsibility for assessing all motor vehicles
 11 other than those assessed under KRS Chapter 136 as part of public service
 12 companies. The department may provide standard valuation guidelines for use in
 13 valuation of motor vehicles.

14 (6) The property valuation administrator shall provide to the department by December
 15 1 of each year a recapitulation of motor vehicles to be assessed as of January 1 of
 16 the next year.

17 (7) Procedures for protest, appeal, and correction of erroneous assessments shall be the
 18 same for motor vehicles as for other properties subject to ad valorem taxes.

19 **(8) The state portion of ad valorem tax collected on electric vehicles and hybrid**
 20 **vehicles, as defined in KRS 186.010, shall be deposited in the road fund.**

21 ➔ Section 14. KRS 186.480 (Effective July 1, 2024) is amended to read as
 22 follows:

23 (1) The Department of Kentucky State Police shall examine every applicant for an
 24 operator's license as identified in KRS 186.635, except as otherwise provided in this
 25 section. The examination shall be held in the county where the applicant resides
 26 unless:

27 (a) The applicant is granted written permission by the Transportation Cabinet to

- 1 take the examination in another county; or
- 2 (b) The applicant is tested using a bioptic telescopic device.
- 3 (2) The examination shall include a test of the applicant's eyesight to ensure
4 compliance with the visual acuity and visual field standards set forth in KRS
5 186.577. The vision testing outlined in this subsection shall be administered under
6 the provisions established in KRS 186.577 at, or prior to, the time of application.
7 The examination shall also include a test of the applicant's ability to read and
8 understand highway signs regulating, warning, and directing traffic, the applicant's
9 knowledge of traffic laws, and an actual demonstration of the applicant's ability to
10 exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle. The
11 provisions of this subsection shall not apply to an applicant who:
- 12 (a) At the time of application, holds a valid operator's license from another state,
13 provided that state affords a reciprocal exemption to a Kentucky resident;
- 14 (b) At the time of application for a motorcycle instruction permit or motorcycle
15 operator's license, presents evidence of successful completion of an approved
16 rider training course under KRS 176.5062; or
- 17 (c) Is a citizen of the Commonwealth who has been serving in the United States
18 military and has allowed his or her operator's license to expire.
- 19 (3) In addition to the requirements of subsection (2) of this section, an applicant for a
20 motorcycle operator's license who does not present evidence of successful
21 completion of an approved rider training course under KRS 176.5062 shall be
22 required to show his or her ability to operate a motorcycle. An applicant who
23 successfully completes the skills portion of the test under this subsection on a:
- 24 (a) Three (3) wheeled motorcycle shall be issued a motorcycle operator's license
25 restricted to the operation of three (3) wheeled motorcycles under KRS
26 186.447; or
- 27 (b) Two (2) wheeled motorcycle shall be issued a motorcycle operator's license

1 without the restriction identified in KRS 186.447, and may operate both two
2 (2) and three (3) wheeled motorcycles.

3 (4) Any person whose intermediate license or operator's license is denied, suspended,
4 or revoked for cause shall apply for reinstatement at the termination of the period
5 for which the license was denied, suspended, or revoked by submitting to the
6 examination. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any person whose
7 license was suspended for failure to meet the conditions described in KRS 186.411
8 when, within one (1) year of suspension, the driving privileges of ***the individual***
9 ~~are~~~~[such individuals are]~~ reinstated.

10 (5) An applicant shall not use an autocycle for road skills testing administered under
11 the provisions of this section.

12 **(6) The Department of Kentucky State Police shall include, in the educational**
13 **materials it produces for prospective drivers, information about the purposes,**
14 **processes, and benefits of the organ donation program.**

15 ➔ Section 15. KRS 281.990 is amended to read as follows:

16 (1) Except as provided in ~~subsections~~~~[subsection]~~ (4) **and (5)** of this section, a person
17 shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) and no more than two hundred
18 dollars (\$200), if the person:

19 (a) Violates, causes, aids, or abets any violation of the provisions of this chapter,
20 or any order, rule, or administrative regulation lawfully issued pursuant to
21 authority granted by this chapter;

22 (b) Knowingly makes any false or erroneous statement, report, or representation
23 to the Department of Vehicle Regulation with respect to any matter placed
24 under the jurisdiction of the department by this chapter;

25 (c) Knowingly makes any false entry in the accounts or records required to be
26 kept pursuant to the authority granted by this chapter; or

27 (d) Knowingly fails to keep, or knowingly destroys or mutilates, any accounts or

1 records.

2 Every device to evade or to prevent the application of any provision of this chapter,
3 or any lawful order, rule or administrative regulation of the department issued
4 pursuant thereto, shall constitute a violation thereof.

5 (2) (a) Any person who violates KRS 281.630(1) or 281.631(1) shall be fined not
6 less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than three thousand five
7 hundred dollars (\$3,500).

8 (b) Any person who operates as a motor carrier in violation of the terms of his or
9 her certificate or motor carrier vehicle license shall be fined not less than five
10 hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than three thousand five hundred dollars
11 (\$3,500).

12 (3) A person who violates KRS 281.630(9) shall not be subject to a penalty under this
13 section.

14 (4) (a) Except as provided in this subsection, any person who violates KRS 281.757
15 shall be fined two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each offense.

16 (b) A person who is cited for a violation of KRS 281.757 in which the lights were
17 inoperable or the reflectors were missing may, within thirty (30) days from
18 the date of the citation, provide proof to the county attorney of the county in
19 which the offense occurred that the mechanical problem has been repaired and
20 that the lights are in working order or that the required reflectors have been
21 placed on the vehicle. If such proof is shown, the citation shall be dismissed.

22 (c) A law enforcement officer and the department shall not issue a citation to a
23 person as violating KRS 281.757 if the atmospheric conditions all motorists
24 were subjected to at the time the person is stopped reasonably limit the ability
25 of a person to keep the vehicle's lights or reflectors from being obscured by
26 dirt, mud, or debris.

27 **(5) The cabinet may promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS**

1 **Chapter 13A to set penalties for violations of KRS 281.920 to 281.936.**

2 ➔Section 16. Sections 1, 2, and 13 of this Act take effect January 1, 2025.