

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> <del>[669.00]</del>
55,001-62,000	<u>1,037.00</u> <del>[1,007.00]</del>
62,001-73,280	<u>1,280.00</u> <del>[1,250.00]</del>
73,281-80,000	<u>1,440.00</u> <del>[1,410.00]</del>

(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<sup>[his]</sup> farming  
 2 operation, and the products grown on the applicant's<sup>[his]</sup> 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<sup>[he]</sup> is a farmer engaged in the production of crops,  
 9 livestock, or dairy products, that the applicant<sup>[he]</sup> 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<sup>[his]</sup>  
 15 farming operation and the products grown on the applicant's<sup>[his]</sup> 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<sup>[he]</sup> 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<sup>[his]</sup> farm and the products grown  
 26 on the applicant's<sup>[his]</sup> 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~~<sup>[such]</sup>  
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~~<sup>[such]</sup>  
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~~<sup>[such]</sup> concrete  
14       blocks or ready-mixed concrete is produced to a construction site where ~~the~~<sup>[such]</sup>  
15       concrete blocks or ready-mixed concrete is to be used, where ~~the~~<sup>[such]</sup> construction  
16       site is located at a point not more than thirty (30) air miles from the point at which  
17       ~~the~~<sup>[such]</sup> 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~~<sup>[such]</sup> 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~~<sup>[such]</sup>  
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 ~~[~~  
5 ~~such time as]~~ the title to ~~the~~<sup>[such]</sup> 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~~<sup>[such]</sup>  
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~~<sup>[such]</sup> 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~~<sup>[such]</sup> vehicle with the county  
 8 clerk pursuant to KRS 186.020 for a state fee of one dollar (\$1). Title to  
 9 ~~the~~<sup>[such]</sup> 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~~<sup>[such]</sup> 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~~<sup>[him]</sup> 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 or road conditions exist which would prohibit safe use of the  
24 right or 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 189.270 is amended to read as follows:

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

22 (b) Subject to the limitations in subsection (4) of this section, the department  
23 shall promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS  
24 Chapter 13A to set fees for permits established under this section.

- 25 (2) Except as provided in subsection (8) of this section, the department may, at the  
26 request of an applicant, issue a single-trip permit regardless of the type of vehicle or  
27 equipment being transported that exceeds the weight or dimension limits

1 established by this chapter if the load being transported is a nondivisible load.~~[A~~  
 2 ~~single-trip permit shall cost sixty dollars (\$60) for each overweight or~~  
 3 ~~overdimensional permit requested.]~~

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

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

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

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

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

22 **(b) For equipment** that exceeds fourteen (14) feet in width, **when transported**  
 23 from a dealership to a farm, from a farm to a dealership, or from a dealership  
 24 to a dealership,~~[shall cost]~~ one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).

25 (5) Permits issued under this section shall be for nondivisible loads and shall be valid  
 26 statewide; however, the department may, as a condition of issuing an annual or  
 27 single-trip permit, limit the overweight or overdimensional vehicle to specified



1 routes, exclude certain highways, or even cancel an applicant's permit if an  
2 unreasonable risk of accident or an unreasonable impedance of the flow of traffic  
3 would result from the presence of the overweight or overdimensional vehicle. A  
4 person who applies for, and accepts, a permit issued under this section is  
5 acknowledging that the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is not guaranteeing safe  
6 passage of vehicles by issuing the permit. A person who applies for, and accepts, a  
7 permit issued under this section agrees to measure all clearances of highway  
8 structures, both laterally and vertically, prior to passage of the person's vehicles  
9 along the routes specified in the permit. A person who applies for, and accepts, a  
10 permit issued under this section is classified as a bare licensee whose duty is to  
11 assume sole risk involved in using Kentucky's highways without warranty of  
12 accuracy.

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

23 (7) (a) Notwithstanding KRS 189.269, the department may, at the request of an  
24 applicant who is a transporter of manufactured housing, issue an annual  
25 permit that exceeds the weight or dimension limits established by this chapter  
26 if the load being transported is a nondivisible load.

27 (b) The vehicle operated shall not exceed sixteen (16) feet in width exclusive of

1 usual and ordinary overhang, one hundred twenty (120) feet in length  
 2 including a towing vehicle and trailer combination, fifteen (15) feet in height,  
 3 or one hundred sixty thousand (160,000) pounds.

4 ~~(c)~~ ~~—The cost for an annual permit issued under this subsection shall be:~~

- 5 ~~1. One thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for loads greater than fourteen~~  
 6 ~~(14) feet in width or greater than thirteen (13) feet six (6) inches in height; and~~  
 7 ~~2. Five hundred dollars (\$500) for loads less than or equal to fourteen (14) feet~~  
 8 ~~in width and less than or equal to thirteen (13) feet six (6) inches in height.~~

9 ~~(d)~~ The holder of a permit issued under this subsection shall, when transporting a  
 10 manufactured home:

- 11 1. Abide by all escort requirements, safety markings, and other safety  
 12 restrictions governing overweight and overdimensional vehicles; and  
 13 2. Equip each truck operating under a permit with global positioning  
 14 system technology that keeps a record of locations traveled. The travel  
 15 records of trucks operating under a permit shall be open to inspection by  
 16 the Transportation Cabinet.

17 ~~(d)~~~~(e)~~ Any person with a permit under this subsection who operates a vehicle  
 18 greater than thirteen (13) feet six (6) inches in height while operating in a  
 19 restricted area designated by the Transportation Cabinet shall be fined one  
 20 thousand dollars (\$1,000).

21 (8) The cabinet shall not issue an annual permit under this section if the person  
 22 applying for the permit is eligible for an annual permit issued under KRS 189.2716  
 23 or 189.2717.

24 (9) The department may require the applicant to give bond, with approved surety, to  
 25 indemnify the state or counties against damage to highways or bridges resulting  
 26 from use by the applicant. The operation of vehicles in accordance with the terms of  
 27 the permit issued under this section shall not constitute a violation of this chapter if

1 the operator has the permit, or an authenticated copy of it, in his ***or her*** possession.

2 (10) Any person transporting a parade float which exceeds the dimensional limits on a  
3 highway over which it is transported shall be required to obtain a permit as required  
4 in subsection (2) of this section. If the float is being used in conjunction with a  
5 parade to be held within the boundaries of the Commonwealth, a fee shall not be  
6 assessed by the department to issue the permit.

7 (11) A person shall not operate any vehicle in violation of the terms of the permit issued  
8 under this section.

9 (12) (a) The cabinet shall not promulgate administrative regulations pursuant to this  
10 section that restrict the time or days of the week when a permit holder may  
11 operate on the highway, except that travel may be limited from 6 a.m. to 9  
12 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. In addition to the  
13 restrictions established in this paragraph, any manufactured home being  
14 transported by permit issued under this section shall not travel on any  
15 highway after daylight hours Monday through Saturday, or at any time on  
16 Sunday.

17 (b) The cabinet shall allow a permit holder who has obtained a permit to transport  
18 equipment to a work site to return to the permit holder's place of business  
19 immediately after work is completed at the job site, subject to the limitations  
20 of paragraph (a) of this subsection.

21 (c) The cabinet shall not promulgate administrative regulations pursuant to this  
22 section setting forth escort vehicle requirements for overdimensional farm  
23 implements or vehicles towing overdimensional farm implements that are  
24 more stringent than the following:

25 1. For a single vehicle and load in excess of twelve (12) feet in width being  
26 operated on a two (2) lane highway, no more than one (1) lead vehicle  
27 shall be required;

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

19          ➔ Section 8. KRS 189.271 is amended to read as follows:

- 20       (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of laws, the Transportation Cabinet may issue  
21       special permits to the owners, operators, or lessees of motor vehicles for the  
22       purpose of hauling industrial materials whose gross weight or dimensions,  
23       including vehicle and load, exceeds the limits prescribed by this chapter or which in  
24       other respects fail to comply with the requirements of this chapter. A separate  
25       permit shall be required for each vehicle. ~~Such~~ Permits **issued in accordance with**  
26       **this section** shall be issued;  
27       **(a)** For specified materials only and shall designate the portions of the state

1 primary road system over which ~~the~~<sup>[such]</sup> vehicle may operate pursuant to  
2 the permit;

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

7 **(c)** ~~[Permits under this section shall be]~~Upon ~~the~~<sup>[such]</sup> terms and conditions as  
8 the cabinet may, in its discretion, require in the public interest.

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

12 (3) The cabinet shall:

13 **(a)** **Promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter**  
14 **13A to set fees for permits established under this section; and**~~[require, as a~~  
15 ~~condition to the issuance of the permit, that the applicant pay a reasonable fee,~~  
16 ~~to be fixed by the cabinet, and shall]~~

17 **(b)** Require that an applicant convicted under provisions of KRS 189.990(2)(a)  
18 two (2) or more times within a five (5) year period give bond, with approved  
19 surety, in an amount not to exceed six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for each  
20 vehicle to indemnify the Commonwealth of Kentucky against damage to  
21 highways or bridges resulting from the operation of any motor vehicle under  
22 the authorization of ~~the~~<sup>[such]</sup> permit. A bond acquired under this subsection  
23 may be carried forward to another permit if the cabinet has not gone against  
24 the bond.

25 (4) The operation of any motor vehicle in accordance with the terms of ~~the~~<sup>[any such]</sup>  
26 permit shall not constitute a violation of this chapter, if the operator has the permit,  
27 or a copy of it, authenticated as the cabinet may require, in his **or her** possession.

- 1 (5) The cabinet shall not issue a permit under this section for a vehicle whose gross  
2 weight, including vehicle and load, exceeds the maximum gross weight as provided  
3 in KRS 189.222.
- 4 (6) The cabinet shall not issue a permit under this section for a vehicle whose  
5 dimensions, including vehicle and load, exceed the maximum dimension as  
6 provided in KRS 189.222.
- 7 (7) A person shall not operate a motor vehicle in violation of the terms and conditions  
8 of any permit issued by the cabinet pursuant to this section.
- 9 (8) As used in this section, industrial materials shall mean all cargo, whether divisible  
10 or indivisible, which a motor vehicle transports in the usual and ordinary course of  
11 business and shall specifically include, but not be limited to, agricultural products,  
12 minerals, or natural resources transported by a motor vehicle.
- 13 (9) The cabinet may:
- 14 (a) Exercise general supervision of the administering and enforcement of this  
15 section; ~~and~~
- 16 (b) Promulgate administrative regulations, subject to the limitations of this  
17 section, with respect to the issuance of a permit, including, but not limited to,  
18 administrative regulations concerning the duration of permits and weight  
19 limits for various types of vehicles, materials, and highways; ~~and~~
- 20 (c) Promulgate administrative regulations with respect to the amount, terms and  
21 conditions of the bond and the sufficiency of the surety of ~~a~~ ~~such~~ bond  
22 required by this section. The cabinet shall allow applicants not required to  
23 post a surety bond under subsection (3) of this section to self-insure to meet  
24 the bonding requirements of this section; **and** ~~and~~
- 25 (d) Issue, continue in effect, revoke, modify, or deny, under ~~such~~ conditions as  
26 the cabinet may prescribe, permits provided for under this section.

27 → Section 9. KRS 189.2713 is amended to read as follows:

- 1 (1) As used in this section, "metal commodities" means:
- 2 (a) Output products from metal-producing industries that are transported in their  
3 most basic and original form from a mill or storage facility to market for  
4 processing; and[-]
- 5 (b) [~~"Metal commodities"~~] Does not include manufactured parts being transported  
6 from a manufacturer or supplier to another customer.
- 7 (2) The department shall promulgate administrative regulations pursuant to KRS  
8 Chapter 13A governing the issuance of annual and single-trip permits for the  
9 operation of motor vehicles transporting metal commodities with a minimum gross  
10 weight of eighty thousand and one (80,001) pounds and a maximum gross weight of  
11 one hundred twenty thousand (120,000) pounds in divisible or nondivisible loads to  
12 or from a facility manufacturing metal commodities in this state or a facility used  
13 for storage of metal commodities. *The administrative regulations promulgated*  
14 *under this section shall include fees for annual and single-trip permits.*
- 15 (3) A motor carrier transporting metal commodities in divisible or nondivisible loads to  
16 or from a facility manufacturing metal commodities in this state or a facility used  
17 for storage of metal commodities, may apply for an annual or single-trip overweight  
18 permit pursuant to subsection (2) of this section. A permit issued under this section  
19 shall be specific to a single truck and shall be valid twenty-four (24) hours a day.
- 20 ~~(4)(a) The cost of an annual permit issued under this section shall be one thousand~~  
21 ~~two hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250).~~
- 22 ~~(b) The cost of a single trip permit issued under this section shall be one hundred~~  
23 ~~dollars (\$100).~~
- 24 ~~(5)~~ Permits issued under this section shall contain a website[Web site] hyperlink or any  
25 other method to provide the motor carrier with routes that are approved by the  
26 department.
- 27 ~~(5)~~~~(6)~~ Upon renewal of any annual permit issued under this section, the permit

1 holder shall report to the cabinet the number of trips made and the total miles driven  
2 under the permit during the previous year.

3 ~~(6)~~~~(7)~~ Administrative regulations promulgated by the department under this section  
4 may require motor carriers to meet specific Federal Motor Carrier Safety  
5 Administration (FMCSA) safety ratings and FMCSA safety measurement system  
6 scores before issuance of a permit under this section.

7 → Section 10. KRS 189.2716 is amended to read as follows:

- 8 (1) As used in this section, "riverport" means a riverport facility established by a  
9 riverport authority under KRS 65.520.
- 10 (2) In order to promote economic development and retain jobs within this state, subject  
11 to KRS 189.222, the department shall promulgate administrative regulations  
12 pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A governing the issue of annual permits for the  
13 operation of motor vehicles that are transporting steel products in divisible or  
14 nondivisible loads on state highways from a facility manufacturing products in this  
15 state to a riverport within this state, and whose dimensions exceed the limits for  
16 vehicle width prescribed by this chapter.
- 17 (3) The maximum width dimension for an overdimensional permit issued in accordance  
18 with this section shall be ten (10) feet.
- 19 (4) A motor carrier transporting steel products in divisible or nondivisible loads from a  
20 facility manufacturing steel products in this state may apply for an annual  
21 overdimensional permit pursuant to subsection (2) of this section. An application  
22 for a permit shall identify the route to be used. The permit shall be valid twenty-  
23 four (24) hours a day, but shall be limited to movements of steel products within the  
24 state of not more than seven (7) road miles from the manufacturing facility.
- 25 (5) The *department shall promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with*  
26 *KRS Chapter 13A to set fees for permits established under this section*~~cost of the~~  
27 ~~annual permit shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)].~~



1 → Section 11. KRS 189.2717 is amended to read as follows:

- 2 (1) Subject to the provisions of KRS 189.222, the department may promulgate  
3 administrative regulations pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A governing the issuance of  
4 annual permits for the operation of motor vehicles transporting nondivisible loads  
5 in this Commonwealth whose gross weight exceeds the limits prescribed by this  
6 chapter. The gross weight of a motor vehicle operating pursuant to this section shall  
7 not exceed one hundred twenty thousand (120,000) pounds. The movement of the  
8 overweight motor vehicle shall be limited to a specific route set forth on the annual  
9 permit.
- 10 (2) The following axle weights shall not be exceeded in the loading of a nondivisible  
11 load:
- 12 (a) Single axle with axles less than forty-two (42) inches apart and being the  
13 steering axle with one (1) wheel on each side of the axle to be considered a  
14 single axle shall not be more than fifteen thousand (15,000) pounds;
- 15 (b) Two (2) axles in tandem arrangement which are spaced forty-two (42) inches  
16 or more apart and less than ninety-six (96) inches apart shall not be more than  
17 forty thousand (40,000) pounds;
- 18 (c) Three (3) axles in tridem arrangement which are spaced forty-two (42) or  
19 more inches apart and less than one hundred twenty (120) inches apart shall  
20 not be more than sixty-five thousand (65,000) pounds; and
- 21 (d) Dual wheel axle with one (1) axle with two (2) wheels on each side of the axle  
22 to be considered a dual wheel axle shall not be more than twenty thousand  
23 (20,000) pounds each.
- 24 (3) Each motor vehicle operating pursuant to this section shall comply with the safety  
25 provisions set forth in the administrative regulations promulgated by the department  
26 pursuant to this section.
- 27 (4) The *department shall promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with*

1        **KRS Chapter 13A to set fees for permits established under this section**~~[fee for the~~  
 2        ~~annual permit for each motor vehicle pursuant to this section shall be five hundred~~  
 3        ~~dollars (\$500)].~~

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

6        ➔ Section 12.    KRS 186.480 (Effective July 1, 2024) is amended to read as  
 7        follows:

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

- 12       (a) The applicant is granted written permission by the Transportation Cabinet to  
 13       take the examination in another county; or  
 14       (b) The applicant is tested using a bioptic telescopic device.

- 15       (2) The examination shall include a test of the applicant's eyesight to ensure  
 16       compliance with the visual acuity and visual field standards set forth in KRS  
 17       186.577. The vision testing outlined in this subsection shall be administered under  
 18       the provisions established in KRS 186.577 at, or prior to, the time of application.  
 19       The examination shall also include a test of the applicant's ability to read and  
 20       understand highway signs regulating, warning, and directing traffic, the applicant's  
 21       knowledge of traffic laws, and an actual demonstration of the applicant's ability to  
 22       exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle. The  
 23       provisions of this subsection shall not apply to an applicant who:

- 24       (a) At the time of application, holds a valid operator's license from another state,  
 25       provided that state affords a reciprocal exemption to a Kentucky resident;  
 26       (b) At the time of application for a motorcycle instruction permit or motorcycle  
 27       operator's license, presents evidence of successful completion of an approved

- 1 rider training course under KRS 176.5062; or
- 2 (c) Is a citizen of the Commonwealth who has been serving in the United States  
3 military and has allowed his or her operator's license to expire.
- 4 (3) In addition to the requirements of subsection (2) of this section, an applicant for a  
5 motorcycle operator's license who does not present evidence of successful  
6 completion of an approved rider training course under KRS 176.5062 shall be  
7 required to show his or her ability to operate a motorcycle. An applicant who  
8 successfully completes the skills portion of the test under this subsection on a:
- 9 (a) Three (3) wheeled motorcycle shall be issued a motorcycle operator's license  
10 restricted to the operation of three (3) wheeled motorcycles under KRS  
11 186.447; or
- 12 (b) Two (2) wheeled motorcycle shall be issued a motorcycle operator's license  
13 without the restriction identified in KRS 186.447, and may operate both two  
14 (2) and three (3) wheeled motorcycles.
- 15 (4) Any person whose intermediate license or operator's license is denied, suspended,  
16 or revoked for cause shall apply for reinstatement at the termination of the period  
17 for which the license was denied, suspended, or revoked by submitting to the  
18 examination. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any person whose  
19 license was suspended for failure to meet the conditions described in KRS 186.411  
20 when, within one (1) year of suspension, the driving privileges of **the person**  
21 **are**~~[such individuals are]~~ reinstated.
- 22 (5) An applicant shall not use an autocycle for road skills testing administered under  
23 the provisions of this section.
- 24 **(6) The Department of Kentucky State Police shall include, in the educational**  
25 **materials it produces for prospective drivers, information about the purposes,**  
26 **processes, and benefits of the organ donation program.**
- 27 → Section 13. KRS 281.990 is amended to read as follows:

- 1 (1) Except as provided in subsections~~[subsection]~~ (4) and (5) of this section, a person  
 2 shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) and no more than two hundred  
 3 dollars (\$200), if the person:
- 4 (a) Violates, causes, aids, or abets any violation of the provisions of this chapter,  
 5 or any order, rule, or administrative regulation lawfully issued pursuant to  
 6 authority granted by this chapter;
- 7 (b) Knowingly makes any false or erroneous statement, report, or representation  
 8 to the Department of Vehicle Regulation with respect to any matter placed  
 9 under the jurisdiction of the department by this chapter;
- 10 (c) Knowingly makes any false entry in the accounts or records required to be  
 11 kept pursuant to the authority granted by this chapter; or
- 12 (d) Knowingly fails to keep, or knowingly destroys or mutilates, any accounts or  
 13 records.
- 14 Every device to evade or to prevent the application of any provision of this chapter,  
 15 or any lawful order, rule or administrative regulation of the department issued  
 16 pursuant thereto, shall constitute a violation thereof.
- 17 (2) (a) Any person who violates KRS 281.630(1) or 281.631(1) shall be fined not  
 18 less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than three thousand five  
 19 hundred dollars (\$3,500).
- 20 (b) Any person who operates as a motor carrier in violation of the terms of his or  
 21 her certificate or motor carrier vehicle license shall be fined not less than five  
 22 hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than three thousand five hundred dollars  
 23 (\$3,500).
- 24 (3) A person who violates KRS 281.630(9) shall not be subject to a penalty under this  
 25 section.
- 26 (4) (a) Except as provided in this subsection, any person who violates KRS 281.757  
 27 shall be fined two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each offense.

- 1 (b) A person who is cited for a violation of KRS 281.757 in which the lights were  
2 inoperable or the reflectors were missing may, within thirty (30) days from  
3 the date of the citation, provide proof to the county attorney of the county in  
4 which the offense occurred that the mechanical problem has been repaired and  
5 that the lights are in working order or that the required reflectors have been  
6 placed on the vehicle. If such proof is shown, the citation shall be dismissed.
- 7 (c) A law enforcement officer and the department shall not issue a citation to a  
8 person as violating KRS 281.757 if the atmospheric conditions all motorists  
9 were subjected to at the time the person is stopped reasonably limit the ability  
10 of a person to keep the vehicle's lights or reflectors from being obscured by  
11 dirt, mud, or debris.

12 **(5) The cabinet may promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS**  
13 **Chapter 13A to set penalties for violations of KRS 281.920 to 281.936.**

14 ➔Section 14. Sections 1 and 2 of this Act take effect January 1, 2025.