

## CHAPTER 28

## (HB 160)

AN ACT relating to the Department of Law.

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

SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 15 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) *The Financial Integrity Division is created in the Department of Law. The division shall:*
  - (a) *Investigate illegal redemption of food stamp benefits in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture and the Cabinet for Families and Children;*
  - (b) *Verify eligibility of food stamp program applicants as to past criminal history;*
  - (c) *Investigate the illegal distribution of counterfeit merchandise; and*
  - (d) *Investigate the use of personal identification by persons for the purpose of theft, or fraud, or both theft and fraud, and other illegal or fraudulent activity which may involve electronic commerce.*
- (2) *The Office of the Attorney General shall coordinate with the Department of Financial Institutions, the United States Secret Service, the Kentucky Bankers' Association, and any other agency or organization to prepare and disseminate information to prevent identity theft.*

Section 2. KRS 15.010 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The Attorney General is the head of the Department of Law.
- (2) The Department of Law shall include the following major organizational units:
  - (a) Criminal Appellate Division;
  - (b) Consumer Protection Division;
  - (c) Special Investigations Division;
  - (d) Special Prosecutions Division;
  - (e) Prosecutors Advisory Council Services Division;
  - (f) Medicaid Fraud and Abuse Control Division;
  - (g) Civil and Environmental Law Division;
  - (h) Victims Advocacy Division;
  - (i) Child Support Enforcement Commission;
  - (j) Administrative Hearings Division;
  - (k) Office of Rate Intervention; ~~and~~ (l) Administrative Services Division; *and*
  - (m) *Financial Integrity Enforcement Division.*

Section 3. The General Assembly confirms Executive Order 98-04 issued by the Attorney General on October 1, 1998, to the extent that it is not otherwise confirmed by this Act.

**Became law February 26, 2000, without Governor's signature**

