

**CHAPTER 322 (HB 244)**

AN ACT relating to a building inspectors training program.

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

SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 198B IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) The Board of Housing, Buildings and Construction may establish a building inspectors training program through the promulgation of administrative regulations in accordance with the provisions of KRS Chapter 13A. The program shall provide training to encourage local governments to establish and improve building code enforcement programs and to encourage all building inspectors to upgrade their skills.*
- (2) If the board chooses to establish the program authorized in subsection (1) of this section, there shall be created in the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction, under the Board of Housing, Buildings and Construction, a trust and agency fund to be known as the "Building Inspectors' Financial Incentive Training Program Fund". The fund shall be funded annually with a maximum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) by increasing the department's plan review fees collected for each occupancy classification under KRS 198B.060 by one-half cent (\$.005) per calculated square foot. Any funds collected annually in excess of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) shall be used solely for the administration of the department's building inspection program. Any unused fund balance at the close of the fiscal year shall not lapse but shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year, and moneys in the fund shall be available only for the purposes specified in this section.*

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