

**CHAPTER 314****(HB 857)**

AN ACT designating "Deo gratiam habeamus" as the Commonwealth's official Latin motto.

WHEREAS, the first Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky was established in 1792 as the governing instrument of the state of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the Preamble to the current Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky was established at Frankfort on the 28th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred ninety-one and in the one hundredth year of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Preamble states, "We, the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, grateful to Almighty God for the civil, political and religious liberties we enjoy, and invoking the continuance of these blessings, do ordain and establish this Constitution."; and

WHEREAS, the Latin phrase "Deo gratiam habeamus," which is rendered in English "Let us be grateful to God," does correctly express the sentiment clearly stated in the Preamble to our Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 2 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

*The phrase "Deo gratiam habeamus" is named and designated the Commonwealth's official Latin motto.*

**Approved April 11, 2002**