

CHAPTER 114

(SB 266)

AN ACT relating to the designation of the official fruit of Kentucky.

WHEREAS, blackberries grow in the wild throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, many native Kentuckians have fond memories of picking wild blackberries in the woods of Kentucky in their younger days; and

WHEREAS, blackberries have become an increasingly popular bramble crop and are sold at local farmers' markets, grocery stores, produce auctions, and in many restaurants throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky has many untapped market channels for in-season blackberries; and

WHEREAS, blackberry farmers and growers throughout Kentucky are reporting plans to expand their acreage in an attempt to meet the rising demand of consumers;

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 blackberry is named and designated as the official fruit of Kentucky.

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