

CHAPTER 26

(HB 218)

AN ACT relating to reorganization.

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

Section 1. KRS 246.030 is amended to read as follows:

The department shall consist of:

- (1) The Office of the Commissioner, which shall include the Division of Public Relations.
- (2) The Office of the Chief Executive Officer.
- (3) The Office for Agricultural Marketing and Product Promotion, which shall include the following:
 - (a) The Division of Agriculture Marketing~~[-Agritourism,]~~ and Agribusiness Recruitment;
 - (b) The Division of Show and Fair Promotion;
 - (c) The Division of Value-Added Animal and Aquaculture Production;
 - (d) The Division of Value-Added Plant Production;~~[-and]~~
 - (e) The Division of Agricultural Education, Farm Safety, and Farmland Preservation; *and*
 - (f) ***The Division of Agritourism.***
- (4) The Office for Consumer and Environmental Protection, which shall include the following:
 - (a) The Division of Regulation and Inspection;
 - (b) The Division of Food Distribution; and
 - (c) The Division of Environmental Services.
- (5) The Office of State Veterinarian, which shall include the following:
 - (a) The Division of Animal Health; and
 - (b) The Division of Producer Services.
- (6) The Office for Strategic Planning and Administration, which shall include the following:
 - (a) The Division of Personnel and Budget; and
 - (b) The Division of Information Technology.
- (7) The State Board of Agriculture.

Section 2. KRS 247.800 is amended to read as follows:

The Department of Agriculture, in conjunction with the Tourism Development Cabinet, shall create an interagency Office of Agritourism to be housed in the Division of ~~{Agriculture Marketing, }Agritourism,[- and Agribusiness Recruitment}~~ within the Office for Agricultural Marketing and Product Promotion in the Department of Agriculture. As used in KRS 247.800 to 247.810, agritourism means the act of visiting a working-farm or any agricultural, horticultural, or agribusiness operation for the purpose of enjoyment, education, or active involvement in the activities of the farm or operation. It shall be the purpose of the Office of Agritourism to:

- (1) Promote agritourism in Kentucky to potential visitors, both national and international; and

- (2) Assist in sustaining the viability and growth of the agritourism industry in Kentucky.

Section 3. In order to reflect the reorganization effectuated by this Act, the reviser of statutes shall replace references in the Kentucky Revised Statutes to the agencies, subagencies, and officers affected by this Act with references to the appropriate successor agencies, subagencies, and officers established by this Act. The reviser of statutes shall base these actions on the functions assigned to the new entities by this Act and may consult with officers of the affected agencies, or their designees, to receive suggestions.

Section 4. Notwithstanding KRS 12.028, the General Assembly confirms Executive Order 04-02, dated July 16, 2004, and Executive Order 04-03, dated July 27, 2004, to the extent they are not otherwise confirmed or superseded by this Act.

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