

CHAPTER 96**(HB 420)**

AN ACT relating to mining disasters, recognizing lives lost in the Hurricane Creek coal mine disaster.

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:

- (1) *The Hurricane Creek coal mine site in Leslie County, at which thirty-eight (38) miners lost their lives on December 30, 1970, is designated as a state historic site.*
- (2) *As funds are available, Leslie County shall construct a memorial to those who perished, which shall include but not be limited to:*
 - (a) *A monument to the miners, to be built at the mine site with the names of the thirty-eight (38) miners who lost their lives and the one (1) survivor;*
 - (b) *Informational materials about the mining disaster;*
 - (c) *Signage, off-street parking, and other features to encourage visitors; and*
 - (d) *A plan for construction and periodic maintenance of the monument site.*
- (3) *Leslie County's fiscal court is authorized to establish a restricted account for the site, and to raise funds from federal, state and local entities and from private sources for this account. Funds in the account shall be expended only for the mining disaster memorial. Moneys received and expended shall be reported separately in the county's budget.*
- (4) *The Governor shall, prior to December 30, 2010, issue a proclamation recognizing the fortieth anniversary of the Hurricane Creek mine disaster, memorializing the deceased miners and their families, and honoring the courage of all Kentucky's miners. The Governor shall call upon all citizens to observe the occasion, honoring miners in communities across the Commonwealth. The Governor is authorized to recognize the mine disaster anniversary in future years, on or before December 30, through a proclamation.*
- (5) *Working with Leslie County officials, state agencies shall provide assistance in informing the public about the site. The Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, with assistance from the Kentucky Heritage Council, the Kentucky Historical Society, the Office of Mine Safety, and the Mining Board, and within the limits of funds available, shall prepare and distribute information about the Hurricane Creek mining disaster, the risks which miners faced, historically, and the advances in mining safety since the 1970 disaster.*

Signed by Governor April 8, 2010.