

CHAPTER 61**(HB 273)**

AN ACT relating to the operation of mini-trucks.

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

➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 189 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) *As used in this section, "mini-truck" means a lightweight Japanese kei class utility vehicle.*
- (2) *Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, a person shall not operate a mini-truck upon any public highway or roadway or upon the right-of-way of any public highway or roadway.*
- (3) *A person shall not operate a mini-truck on private property without the consent of the landowner, tenant, or individual responsible for the property.*
- (4) *A person shall not operate a mini-truck on public property unless the governmental agency responsible for the property has approved the use of mini-trucks.*
- (5)
 - (a) *A person may operate a mini-truck on any two (2) lane public highway in order to cross the highway. In crossing the highway under this paragraph, the operator shall cross the highway at as close to a ninety (90) degree angle as is practical and safe, and shall not travel on the highway for more than two-tenths (2/10) of a mile.*
 - (b) *A person may operate a mini-truck on any two (2) lane public highway if the operator is engaged in farm or agricultural-related activities, construction, road maintenance, or snow removal.*
 - (c) *The Transportation Cabinet may designate, and a city or county government may designate, those public highways, segments of public highways, and adjoining rights-of-way of public highways under its jurisdiction where mini-trucks that are prohibited may be operated.*
 - (d) *A person operating a mini-truck on a public highway under this subsection shall possess a valid operator's license.*
 - (e) *A person operating a mini-truck on a public highway under this subsection shall comply with all applicable traffic regulations.*
 - (f) *A person shall not operate a mini-truck under this subsection unless the mini-truck has at least two (2) headlights and two (2) taillights, which shall be illuminated at all times the mini-truck is in operation.*
 - (g) *A person operating a mini-truck under this subsection shall restrict the operation to daylight hours, except when engaged in snow removal or emergency road maintenance.*

Signed by Governor March 21, 2013.