

CHAPTER 57**(SB 189)**

AN ACT relating to motor vehicle licenses and making an appropriation therefor.

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

➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 186.020 TO 186.270 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) *At the time of initial application for registration or application for renewal, the owner or lessee of a motor vehicle may inform the county clerk that he or she, or someone who may be operating the vehicle, is deaf or hard of hearing and request that information be included in the Kentucky vehicle registration system database to assist law enforcement in identifying the operator of the vehicle as possibly being deaf or hard of hearing.*
- (2)
 - (a) *The deaf or hard of hearing protection trust fund is created as a separate trust fund in the State Treasury. The trust fund shall consist of any proceeds from gifts, grants, contributions, appropriations, or other moneys made available for the purposes of the trust fund.*
 - (b) *The fund shall be administered by the Kentucky Commission on the Deaf or Hard of Hearing.*
 - (c) *Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, trust fund amounts not expended at the close of a fiscal year shall not lapse but shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year.*
 - (d) *Any interest earnings of the trust fund shall become part of the trust fund and shall not lapse.*
 - (e) *Trust fund moneys deposited in this fund shall only be used to:*
 1. *Reimburse the Transportation Cabinet for the cost of including information that someone is deaf or hard of hearing in the Kentucky vehicle registration system database;*
 2. *Support other actions to protect the safety and welfare of persons who are deaf or hard of hearing; and*
 3. *Educate the public and the deaf and hard of hearing community on issues confronting the deaf and hard of hearing.*

Signed by Governor March 21, 2017.