

CHAPTER 174**(HB 243)**

AN ACT relating to the protection of Medal of Honor recipients.

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

→Section 1. KRS 16.065 is amended to read as follows:

In addition to the performance of all duties relating to the Department of Kentucky State Police, the department shall perform the following functions:

- (1) Security of state facilities located in Frankfort;
- (2) Highway enforcement;~~{and}~~
- (3) Water safety enforcement as provided in KRS Chapter 235; *and*
- (4) *Personal protection of a Medal of Honor recipient who:*
 - (a) *Is a current Kentucky resident;*
 - (b) *Is attending any public event or ceremony occurring within the Commonwealth of Kentucky, to which he or she has received an official written invitation;*
 - (c) *Is representing for no reason other than being a recipient of the Medal of Honor; and*
 - (d) *Has requested protection, in writing and with a copy of the official invitation, to the department no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the event;*

not to exceed six (6) instances of protection per year.

Signed by Governor March 26, 2019.