

AN ACT designating London, Kentucky as the cycling capital of Kentucky.

WHEREAS, the city of London boasts some of the most scenic and challenging biking trails found anywhere in the country; and

WHEREAS, the city of London and Laurel County are home to more than 200 miles of lightly traveled and smoothly paved bicycle routes that bicycle clubs throughout the Midwest United States regularly visit for weekend cycling events; and

WHEREAS, the city of London and Laurel County are also home to the nationally renowned Redbud Ride, which attracts over 1,200 cyclists from more than 22 states each April; and

WHEREAS, the city of London and Laurel County are known to have some of the best mountain biking trails in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and are the home of the London Wellness Park, a 47-acre park with 2.5 miles of mountain biking courses; and

WHEREAS, the city of London is home to the annual Laurel Lake Half Ironman Triathlon, which is a race consisting of a 1.2-mile swim in Laurel Lake, a 56-mile bike ride, and a 13.1-mile run; and

WHEREAS, the city of London is the home of the Thriller Ride, which attracts over 200 cyclists from six states each October; and

WHEREAS, the city of London and Laurel County have trademarked the slogan "Cycling Capital of Kentucky"; and

WHEREAS, the city of London is proud to promote road and mountain biking as a tourism attraction to benefit Eastern Kentucky and the Commonwealth;

NOW, THEREFORE,

***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:

***London, Kentucky is designated as the cycling capital of Kentucky.***