

1 AN ACT relating to operator's licenses and making an appropriation therefor.

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

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

5 *(1) At the time of initial application for registration or application for renewal, the*  
6 *owner or lessee of a motor vehicle may inform the county clerk that he or she, or*  
7 *someone who may be operating the vehicle, is deaf or hard of hearing and*  
8 *request that information be included in the Kentucky vehicle registration system*  
9 *database to assist law enforcement in identifying the operator of the vehicle as*  
10 *possibly being deaf or hard of hearing.*

11 *(2) (a) The deaf or hard of hearing protection trust fund is created as a separate*  
12 *trust fund in the State Treasury. The trust fund shall consist of any*  
13 *proceeds from gifts, grants, contributions, appropriations, or other moneys*  
14 *made available for the purposes of the trust fund.*

15 *(b) The fund shall be administered by the Kentucky Commission on the Deaf or*  
16 *Hard of Hearing.*

17 *(c) Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, trust fund amounts not expended at the close*  
18 *of a fiscal year shall not lapse but shall be carried forward to the next fiscal*  
19 *year.*

20 *(d) Any interest earnings of the trust fund shall become part of the trust fund*  
21 *and shall not lapse.*

22 *(e) Trust fund moneys deposited in this fund shall only be used to:*

23 *1. Reimburse the Transportation Cabinet for the cost of including*  
24 *information that someone is deaf or hard of hearing in the Kentucky*  
25 *vehicle registration system database;*

26 *2. Support other actions to protect the safety and welfare of persons who*  
27 *are deaf or hard of hearing; and*

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3. Educate the public and the deaf and hard of hearing community on issues confronting the deaf and hard of hearing.