

1 AN ACT relating to public protests.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 525 IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) A person is guilty of disruption of a public protest if, while engaging in a public*  
6 *protest, demonstration, or march, he or she, while within five hundred (500) feet*  
7 *of the protest site, conceals his or her identity by wearing a mask, hood, helmet,*  
8 *or other facade that hides, conceals, or covers any portion of his or her face.*

9 *(2) Disruption of a public protest is a Class B misdemeanor.*

10 *(3) Disruption of a public protest is a Class A misdemeanor if, while disrupting a*  
11 *public protest under subsection (1) of this section, the person possesses, carries,*  
12 *or is outfitted with any protective gear, including shields and armor, or with any*  
13 *deadly weapon or dangerous instrument.*

14 *(4) This section does not apply to first responders or military personnel acting in an*  
15 *official capacity.*

16 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 525 IS CREATED TO  
17 READ AS FOLLOWS:

18 *(1) A person is guilty of obstruction of traffic if he or she obstructs or interferes with*  
19 *the regular flow of vehicular traffic on a public road, street, or highway during a*  
20 *public protest, demonstration, or march in an area not specifically designated for*  
21 *demonstrating in a permit, or for which a permit has not been granted.*  
22 *Obstruction of traffic is a Class A misdemeanor.*

23 *(2) A motor vehicle operator may not be held criminally or civilly liable for causing*  
24 *injury or death to a person who is obstructing or interfering with the regular flow*  
25 *of traffic on a public street, road, or highway during a public protest,*  
26 *demonstration, or march for which a permit has not been granted, unless the*  
27 *infliction of the injury or death was intentional.*

1           ➔SECTION 3. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 522 IS CREATED TO  
2 READ AS FOLLOWS:

3 *If a person, including a public servant, prohibits or prevents a peace officer from*  
4 *exercising official duties during a public protest, demonstration, or march and that*  
5 *public protest, demonstration, or march results in physical injury or destruction of*  
6 *property, the person is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.*