

1 AN ACT relating to kidnapping.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 439.3401 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) As used in this section, "violent offender" means any person who has been
5 convicted of or pled guilty to the commission of:
- 6 (a) A capital offense;
 - 7 (b) A Class A felony;
 - 8 (c) A Class B felony involving the death of the victim or serious physical injury
9 to a victim;
 - 10 (d) An offense described in KRS 507.040 or 507.050 where the offense involves
11 the killing of a peace officer or firefighter while the officer or firefighter was
12 acting in the line of duty;
 - 13 (e) The commission or attempted commission of a felony sexual offense
14 described in KRS Chapter 510;
 - 15 (f) Use of a minor in a sexual performance as described in KRS 531.310;
 - 16 (g) Promoting a sexual performance by a minor as described in KRS 531.320;
 - 17 (h) Unlawful transaction with a minor in the first degree as described in KRS
18 530.064(1)(a);
 - 19 (i) Human trafficking under KRS 529.100 involving commercial sexual activity
20 where the victim is a minor;
 - 21 (j) Criminal abuse in the first degree as described in KRS 508.100;
 - 22 (k) Burglary in the first degree accompanied by the commission or attempted
23 commission of an assault described in KRS 508.010, 508.020, 508.032, or
24 508.060;
 - 25 (l) ~~***The***~~~~[Burglary in the first degree accompanied by]~~ commission or attempted
26 commission of kidnapping as prohibited by KRS 509.040; or
 - 27 (m) Robbery in the first degree.

1 The court shall designate in its judgment if the victim suffered death or serious
2 physical injury.

3 (2) A violent offender who has been convicted of a capital offense and who has
4 received a life sentence (and has not been sentenced to twenty-five (25) years
5 without parole or imprisonment for life without benefit of probation or parole), or a
6 Class A felony and receives a life sentence, or to death and his or her sentence is
7 commuted to a life sentence shall not be released on probation or parole until he or
8 she has served at least twenty (20) years in the penitentiary. Violent offenders may
9 have a greater minimum parole eligibility date than other offenders who receive
10 longer sentences, including a sentence of life imprisonment.

11 (3) (a) A violent offender who has been convicted of a capital offense or Class A
12 felony with a sentence of a term of years or Class B felony shall not be
13 released on probation or parole until he has served at least eighty-five percent
14 (85%) of the sentence imposed.

15 (b) A violent offender who has been convicted of a violation of KRS 507.040
16 where the victim of the offense was clearly identifiable as a peace officer or a
17 firefighter and the victim was acting in the line of duty shall not be released on
18 probation or parole until he or she has served at least eighty-five percent
19 (85%) of the sentence imposed.

20 (c) A violent offender who has been convicted of a violation of KRS 507.040 or
21 507.050 where the victim of the offense was a peace officer or a firefighter
22 and the victim was acting in the line of duty shall not be released on probation
23 or parole until he or she has served at least fifty percent (50%) of the sentence
24 imposed.

25 (d) Any offender who has been convicted of a homicide or fetal homicide offense
26 under KRS Chapter 507 or 507A in which the victim of the offense died as the
27 result of an overdose of a Schedule I controlled substance and who is not

1 otherwise subject to paragraph (a), (b), or (c) of this subsection shall not be
2 released on probation, shock probation, parole, conditional discharge, or other
3 form of early release until he or she has served at least fifty percent (50%) of
4 the sentence imposed.

5 **(e) A violent offender who has been convicted of a violation or attempted**
6 **violation of kidnapping under KRS 509.040 shall not be released on**
7 **probation or parole until he or she has served at least fifty percent (50%) of**
8 **the sentence imposed.**

9 (4) A violent offender shall not be awarded any credit on his sentence authorized by
10 KRS 197.045(1)(b)1. In no event shall a violent offender be given credit on his or
11 her sentence if the credit reduces the term of imprisonment to less than eighty-five
12 percent (85%) of the sentence.

13 (5) This section shall not apply to a person who has been determined by a court to have
14 been a victim of domestic violence or abuse pursuant to KRS 533.060 with regard
15 to the offenses involving the death of the victim or serious physical injury to the
16 victim. The provisions of this subsection shall not extend to rape in the first degree
17 or sodomy in the first degree by the defendant.

18 (6) This section shall apply only to those persons who commit offenses after July 15,
19 1998.

20 (7) For offenses committed prior to July 15, 1998, the version of this statute in effect
21 immediately prior to that date shall continue to apply.

22 (8) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section extending the definition of "violent
23 offender" to persons convicted of or pleading guilty to robbery in the first degree
24 shall apply only to persons whose crime was committed after July 15, 2002.