

1 AN ACT relating to the transportation of police officers, firefighters, and
2 emergency medical services personnel killed in the line of duty.

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

4 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 72 IS CREATED TO
5 READ AS FOLLOWS:

6 *(1) The coroner shall ensure that the remains of a police officer, firefighter, or*
7 *emergency medical services personnel, as defined in KRS 61.315, or a coroner or*
8 *deputy coroner, killed in the line of duty are returned to the care and custody of*
9 *that person's family or other party responsible for the person's final*
10 *arrangements in a professional manner so as to obscure the contour of the*
11 *decedent's remains. Upon the wishes of the family or other responsible party, the*
12 *coroner shall ensure that the decedent is covered by an American flag in honor of*
13 *his or her service.*

14 *(2) The coroner may make arrangements with the family or other responsible party*
15 *of a decedent described in subsection (1) of this section to have the individual*
16 *returned to the care and custody of that person's family or other party responsible*
17 *for the person's final arrangement by a funeral home or a designated transport*
18 *service. In that case, the decedent shall be transported in the manner set out in*
19 *subsection (1) of this section.*