

1 AN ACT relating to emergency medical service fees and declaring an emergency.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 67 IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) For the purposes of this section:*

6 *(a) "Residential unit" means a single unit providing living facilities for one (1)*  
7 *or more persons, including provisions for living, sleeping, and sanitation*  
8 *and includes each apartment, manufactured home, or mobile home as a*  
9 *separate residential unit;*

10 *(b) "Commercial unit" means a nonresidential building space designed or used*  
11 *by an individual nonresidential private or public business enterprise;*

12 *(c) "Charitable unit" means a nonresidential building space designed or used*  
13 *for carrying out a charitable purpose, on a full-time basis, as determined by*  
14 *Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and*

15 *(d) "Educational unit" means a nonresidential building space designed or used*  
16 *for the purpose of education, educational administration, or extracurricular*  
17 *activities.*

18 *(2) In addition to the powers granted pursuant to KRS 67.083, a fiscal court may by*  
19 *ordinance impose a fee to be placed upon any or all of residential units,*  
20 *commercial units, charitable units, and educational units.*

21 *(3) Fees imposed shall be for the provision of emergency medical services, subject to*  
22 *the following:*

23 *(a) Fees shall be added to property tax bills. The county clerk shall add the*  
24 *annual fees to the tax bills of the affected property owners;*

25 *(b) Fees shall be collected and distributed by the sheriff to the appropriate*  
26 *entities in the same manner as the other taxes on the bill, and unpaid fees*  
27 *or charges shall bear the same penalty as general state and county taxes.*

1           *This shall be a lien on the property against which it is levied from the time*  
 2           *of the levy. The fiscal court, in consultation with the sheriff, shall set a*  
 3           *collection fee for the sheriff to retain an amount not to exceed four and*  
 4           *one-fourth percent (4.25%) of the fees collected;*

5           *(c) Fees shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) per unit, per tax year;*

6           *(d) The fee may be levied on occupied units, unoccupied units, or both occupied*  
 7           *and unoccupied units. Occupation shall be as of the passage of the levy,*  
 8           *initially, and every July 1, thereafter;*

9           *(e) Fee increases shall be made by ordinance;*

10          *(f) Fees collected, except any fees due to the sheriff for collection of fees, shall*  
 11          *be placed in a separate fund, and used solely for the provision of the*  
 12          *services for which they are levied; and*

13          *(g) Fees levied are not to be in lieu of any fees or taxes established by statute.*

14          ➔Section 2. Whereas it is imperative that any fees for emergency medical services  
 15          to be levied by a county fall in line with the fiscal year and to give both fiscal courts and  
 16          the public an opportunity to debate the imposition of any such fees, an emergency is  
 17          declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor  
 18          or upon its otherwise becoming a law.