

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, killed in the*  
8 *line of duty are returned to the care and custody of that person's family or other*  
9 *party responsible for the person's final arrangements in a casket or other similar*  
10 *vessel. The casket or vessel shall be covered by an American flag.*

11 *(2) The fiscal court, or legislative body of an urban-county government, charter*  
12 *county government, consolidated local government, or unified local government*  
13 *shall be responsible for any costs associated with obtaining the flag and casket or*  
14 *similar vessel for transporting the police officer, firefighter, or emergency*  
15 *medical services personnel under subsection (1) of this section.*

16 *(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring the fiscal court, or*  
17 *legislative body of an urban-county government, charter county government,*  
18 *consolidated local government, or unified local government, to purchase the flag*  
19 *to remain in the permanent custody of the family or other party responsible for*  
20 *the police officer's, firefighter's, or emergency medical services personnel's final*  
21 *arrangements, or to purchase the casket or similar vessel for the permanent*  
22 *interment or cremation, or other final and permanent disposition of the remains*  
23 *of the police officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel.*