

1 AN ACT relating to businesses impacted by the COVID-19 response, making an  
2 appropriation therefor and declaring an emergency.

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

4 ➔Section 1. Notwithstanding any state law, administrative regulation, local  
5 ordinance, or other government directive to the contrary, during the state of emergency as  
6 initially declared by the Governor in response to COVID-19 by Executive Order 2020-  
7 215 on March 6, 2020 and by subsequent Executive Orders issued in regard to the  
8 ongoing COVID-19 pandemic:

9 (1) Any business license revoked or suspended by state or local officials due to:

10 (a) Refusal to limit seating;

11 (b) Refusal to limit hours of service; or

12 (c) Any other efforts made in order to keep the business solvent during the  
13 economic devastation brought about by the Governor's COVID-19 Emergency  
14 Order;

15 shall be reinstated without prejudice.

16 (2) State agencies that imposed a fine on a business or individual for actions identified  
17 in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) of this section shall, within 60 days of the  
18 effective date of this Act, identify all persons or businesses fined and the amount of  
19 the fine to the Legislative Research Commission. The Legislative Research  
20 Commission shall, within thirty 30 additional days, aggregate the list and direct the  
21 State Treasurer to refund the amounts collected as fines.

22 (3) Notwithstanding KRS 6.945, city or county government agencies shall, within sixty  
23 (60) days of the effective date of this Act, refund any amounts collected from fines  
24 imposed on a business or individual for actions identified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of  
25 subsection (1) of this section.

26 ➔Section 2. Whereas businesses across the Commonwealth are struggling to  
27 respond to the economic destruction caused by the response to the COVID-19 pandemic,

1 and every effort should be made to support these entrepreneurs before they are forced out  
2 of business by restrictions imposed by the Governor's response to the COVID-19  
3 pandemic, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage  
4 and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.