

1 AN ACT relating to the Office of Claims and Appeals.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 11A.010 (Effective April 1, 2021) is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 6 (1) "Business" means any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited
7 partnership, sole proprietorship, firm, enterprise, franchise, association,
8 organization, self-employed individual, holding company, joint stock company,
9 receivership, trust, or any legal entity through which business is conducted, whether
10 or not for profit;
- 11 (2) "Commission" means the Executive Branch Ethics Commission;
- 12 (3) "Compensation" means any money, thing of value, or economic benefit conferred
13 on, or received by, any person in return for services rendered, or to be rendered, by
14 himself or herself or another;
- 15 (4) "Family" means spouse and children, as well as a person who is related to a public
16 servant as any of the following, whether by blood or adoption: parent, brother,
17 sister, grandparent, grandchild, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-
18 in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter,
19 stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, half sister;
- 20 (5) "Gift" means a payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services, or
21 anything of value, unless consideration of equal or greater value is received; "gift"
22 does not include gifts from family members, campaign contributions, the waiver of
23 a registration fee for a presenter at a conference or training described in KRS
24 45A.097(5), or door prizes available to the public;
- 25 (6) "Income" means any money or thing of value received or to be received as a claim
26 on future services, whether in the form of a fee, salary, expense allowance,
27 forbearance, forgiveness, interest, dividend, royalty, rent, capital gain, or any other

1 form of compensation or any combination thereof;

2 (7) "Officer" means:

3 (a) All major management personnel in the executive branch of state government,
4 including the secretary of the cabinet, the Governor's chief executive officers,
5 cabinet secretaries, deputy cabinet secretaries, general counsels,
6 commissioners, deputy commissioners, executive directors, executive
7 assistants, policy advisors, special assistants, administrative coordinators,
8 executive advisors, staff assistants, and division directors;

9 (b) Members and full-time chief administrative officers of:

10 1. The Parole Board;

11 2. Office of Claims and Appeals~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~;

12 3. Board of Tax Appeals;

13 4. Board of Claims;

14 5. Crime Victims Compensation Board;

15 ~~6~~[3]. Kentucky Retirement Systems board of trustees;

16 ~~7~~[4]. Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System board of trustees;

17 ~~8~~[5]. The Kentucky Public Employees Deferred Compensation Authority
18 board of trustees;

19 ~~9~~[6]. Public Service Commission;

20 ~~10~~[7]. Worker's Compensation Board and its administrative law judges;

21 ~~11~~[8]. The Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Review
22 Commission;

23 ~~12~~[9]. The Kentucky Board of Education;

24 ~~13~~[10]. The Council on Postsecondary Education;

25 ~~14~~[11]. County Employees Retirement System board of trustees; and

26 ~~15~~[12]. Kentucky Public Pensions Authority;

27 (c) Salaried members of executive branch boards and commissions; and

- 1 (d) Any person who, through a personal service contract or any other contractual
2 employment arrangement with an agency, performs on a full-time,
3 nonseasonal basis a function of any major management position listed in this
4 subsection;
- 5 (8) "Official duty" means any responsibility imposed on a public servant by virtue of
6 his or her position in the state service;
- 7 (9) "Public servant" means:
- 8 (a) The Governor;
- 9 (b) The Lieutenant Governor;
- 10 (c) The Secretary of State;
- 11 (d) The Attorney General;
- 12 (e) The Treasurer;
- 13 (f) The Commissioner of Agriculture;
- 14 (g) The Auditor of Public Accounts;
- 15 (h) All employees in the executive branch including officers as defined in
16 subsection (7) of this section and merit employees; and
- 17 (i) Any person who, through any contractual arrangement with an agency, is
18 employed to perform a function of a position within an executive branch
19 agency on a full-time, nonseasonal basis;
- 20 (10) "Agency" means every state office, cabinet, department, board, commission, public
21 corporation, or authority in the executive branch of state government. A public
22 servant is employed by the agency by which his or her appointing authority is
23 employed, unless his or her agency is attached to the appointing authority's agency
24 for administrative purposes only, or unless the agency's characteristics are of a
25 separate independent nature distinct from the appointing authority and it is
26 considered an agency on its own, such as an independent department;
- 27 (11) "Lobbyist" means any person employed as a legislative agent as defined in KRS

- 1 6.611(23) or any person employed as an executive agency lobbyist as defined in
2 KRS 11A.201(9);
- 3 (12) "Lobbyist's principal" means the entity in whose behalf the lobbyist promotes,
4 opposes, or acts;
- 5 (13) "Candidate" means those persons who have officially filed candidacy papers or who
6 have been nominated by their political party pursuant to KRS 118.105, 118.115,
7 118.325, or 118.760 for any of the offices enumerated in subsections (9)(a) to (g) of
8 this section;
- 9 (14) "Does business with" or "doing business with" means contracting, entering into an
10 agreement, leasing, or otherwise exchanging services or goods with a state agency
11 in return for payment by the state, including accepting a grant, but not including
12 accepting a state entitlement fund disbursement;
- 13 (15) "Public agency" means any governmental entity;
- 14 (16) "Appointing authority" means the agency head or any person whom he or she has
15 authorized by law to act on behalf of the agency with respect to employee
16 appointments;
- 17 (17) "Represent" means to attend an agency proceeding, write a letter, or communicate
18 with an employee of an agency on behalf of someone else;
- 19 (18) "Directly involved" means to work on personally or to supervise someone who
20 works on personally;
- 21 (19) "Sporting event" means any professional or amateur sport, athletic game, contest,
22 event, or race involving machines, persons, or animals, for which admission tickets
23 are offered for sale and that is viewed by the public;
- 24 (20) "Person" means an individual, proprietorship, firm, partnership, limited partnership,
25 joint venture, joint stock company, syndicate, business or statutory trust, donative
26 trust, estate, company, corporation, limited liability company, association, club,
27 committee, organization, or group of persons acting in concert; and

1 (21) "Salaried" means receiving a fixed compensation or benefit reserved for full-time
2 employees, which is paid on a regular basis without regard to the actual number of
3 hours worked.

4 ➔Section 2. KRS 12.020 is amended to read as follows:

5 Departments, program cabinets and their departments, and the respective major
6 administrative bodies that they include are enumerated in this section. It is not intended
7 that this enumeration of administrative bodies be all-inclusive. Every authority, board,
8 bureau, interstate compact, commission, committee, conference, council, office, or any
9 other form of organization shall be included in or attached to the department or program
10 cabinet in which they are included or to which they are attached by statute or statutorily
11 authorized executive order; except in the case of the Personnel Board and where the
12 attached department or administrative body is headed by a constitutionally elected officer,
13 the attachment shall be solely for the purpose of dissemination of information and
14 coordination of activities and shall not include any authority over the functions,
15 personnel, funds, equipment, facilities, or records of the department or administrative
16 body.

17 I. Cabinet for General Government - Departments headed by elected officers:

- 18 (1) The Governor.
19 (2) Lieutenant Governor.
20 (3) Department of State.
21 (a) Secretary of State.
22 (b) Board of Elections.
23 (c) Registry of Election Finance.
24 (4) Department of Law.
25 (a) Attorney General.
26 (5) Department of the Treasury.
27 (a) Treasurer.

1 (6) Department of Agriculture.

2 (a) Commissioner of Agriculture.

3 (b) Kentucky Council on Agriculture.

4 (7) Auditor of Public Accounts.

5 II. Program cabinets headed by appointed officers:

6 (1) Justice and Public Safety Cabinet:

7 (a) Department of Kentucky State Police.

8 (b) Department of Criminal Justice Training.

9 (c) Department of Corrections.

10 (d) Department of Juvenile Justice.

11 (e) Office of the Secretary.

12 (f) Office of Drug Control Policy.

13 (g) Office of Legal Services.

14 (h) Office of the Kentucky State Medical Examiner.

15 (i) Parole Board.

16 (j) Kentucky State Corrections Commission.

17 (k) Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Services.

18 (l) Office of Management and Administrative Services.

19 (m) Department of Public Advocacy.

20 (2) Education and Workforce Development Cabinet:

21 (a) Office of the Secretary.

22 1. Governor's Scholars Program.

23 2. Governor's School for Entrepreneurs Program.

24 3. Office of the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board.

25 4. Foundation for Adult Education.

26 5. Early Childhood Advisory Council.

27 (b) Office of Legal and Legislative Services.

- 1 1. Client Assistance Program.
- 2 (c) Office of Communication.
- 3 (d) Office of Administrative Services.
- 4 1. Division of Human Resources.
- 5 2. Division of Operations and Support Services.
- 6 3. Division of Fiscal Management.
- 7 (e) Office of Technology Services.
- 8 (f) Office of Educational Programs.
- 9 (g) Office of the Kentucky Center for Statistics.
- 10 (h) Board of the Kentucky Center for Statistics.
- 11 (i) Board of Directors for the Center for School Safety.
- 12 (j) Department of Education.
- 13 1. Kentucky Board of Education.
- 14 2. Kentucky Technical Education Personnel Board.
- 15 (k) Department for Libraries and Archives.
- 16 (l) Department of Workforce Investment.
- 17 1. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.
- 18 a. Division of Kentucky Business Enterprise.
- 19 b. Division of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center.
- 20 c. Division of Blind Services.
- 21 d. Division of Field Services.
- 22 e. Statewide Council for Vocational Rehabilitation.
- 23 2. Office of Unemployment Insurance.
- 24 3. Office of Employer and Apprenticeship Services.
- 25 a. Division of Apprenticeship.
- 26 4. Office of Career Development.
- 27 5. Office of Adult Education.

- 1 6. Unemployment Insurance Commission.
- 2 7. Kentucky Apprenticeship Council.
- 3 (m) Foundation for Workforce Development.
- 4 (n) Kentucky Workforce Investment Board.
- 5 (o) Education Professional Standards Board.
 - 6 1. Division of Educator Preparation.
 - 7 2. Division of Certification.
 - 8 3. Division of Professional Learning and Assessment.
 - 9 4. Division of Legal Services.
- 10 (p) Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
- 11 (q) Kentucky Educational Television.
- 12 (r) Kentucky Environmental Education Council.
- 13 (3) Energy and Environment Cabinet:
 - 14 (a) Office of the Secretary.
 - 15 1. Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs.
 - 16 2. Office of Legal Services.
 - 17 a. Legal Division I.
 - 18 b. Legal Division II.
 - 19 3. Office of Administrative Hearings.
 - 20 4. Office of Communication.
 - 21 5. Mine Safety Review Commission.
 - 22 6. Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves.
 - 23 7. Kentucky Public Service Commission.
 - 24 (b) Department for Environmental Protection.
 - 25 1. Office of the Commissioner.
 - 26 2. Division for Air Quality.
 - 27 3. Division of Water.

- 1 4. Division of Environmental Program Support.
- 2 5. Division of Waste Management.
- 3 6. Division of Enforcement.
- 4 7. Division of Compliance Assistance.
- 5 (c) Department for Natural Resources.
- 6 1. Office of the Commissioner.
- 7 2. Division of Mine Permits.
- 8 3. Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement.
- 9 4. Division of Abandoned Mine Lands.
- 10 5. Division of Oil and Gas.
- 11 6. Division of Mine Safety.
- 12 7. Division of Forestry.
- 13 8. Division of Conservation.
- 14 9. Office of the Reclamation Guaranty Fund.
- 15 (d) Office of Energy Policy.
- 16 1. Division of Energy Assistance.
- 17 (e) Office of Administrative Services.
- 18 1. Division of Human Resources Management.
- 19 2. Division of Financial Management.
- 20 3. Division of Information Services.
- 21 (4) Public Protection Cabinet.
- 22 (a) Office of the Secretary.
- 23 1. Office of Communications and Public Outreach.
- 24 2. Office of Legal Services.
- 25 a. Insurance Legal Division.
- 26 b. Charitable Gaming Legal Division.
- 27 c. Alcoholic Beverage Control Legal Division.

- 1 d. Housing, Buildings and Construction Legal Division.
- 2 e. Financial Institutions Legal Division.
- 3 f. Professional Licensing Legal Division.
- 4 3. Office of Administrative Hearings.
- 5 4. Office of Administrative Services.
- 6 a. Division of Human Resources.
- 7 b. Division of Fiscal Responsibility.
- 8 (b) **Office of Claims and Appeals**~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~.
- 9 **1. Board of Tax Appeals.**
- 10 **2. Board of Claims.**
- 11 **3. Crime Victims Compensation Board.**
- 12 (c) Kentucky Boxing and Wrestling Commission.
- 13 (d) Kentucky Horse Racing Commission.
- 14 1. Office of Executive Director.
- 15 a. Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering and Compliance.
- 16 b. Division of Stewards.
- 17 c. Division of Licensing.
- 18 d. Division of Enforcement.
- 19 e. Division of Incentives and Development.
- 20 f. Division of Veterinary Services.
- 21 (e) Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
- 22 1. Division of Distilled Spirits.
- 23 2. Division of Malt Beverages.
- 24 3. Division of Enforcement.
- 25 (f) Department of Charitable Gaming.
- 26 1. Division of Licensing and Compliance.
- 27 2. Division of Enforcement.

- 1 (g) Department of Financial Institutions.
- 2 1. Division of Depository Institutions.
- 3 2. Division of Non-Depository Institutions.
- 4 3. Division of Securities.
- 5 (h) Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction.
- 6 1. Division of Fire Prevention.
- 7 2. Division of Plumbing.
- 8 3. Division of Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning.
- 9 4. Division of Building Code Enforcement.
- 10 (i) Department of Insurance.
- 11 1. Division of Insurance Product Regulation.
- 12 2. Division of Administrative Services.
- 13 3. Division of Financial Standards and Examination.
- 14 4. Division of Agent Licensing.
- 15 5. Division of Insurance Fraud Investigation.
- 16 6. Division of Consumer Protection.
- 17 (j) Department of Professional Licensing.
- 18 1. Real Estate Authority.
- 19 (5) Labor Cabinet.
- 20 (a) Office of the Secretary.
- 21 1. Office of General Counsel.
- 22 a. Workplace Standards Legal Division.
- 23 b. Workers' Claims Legal Division.
- 24 2. Office of Administrative Services.
- 25 a. Division of Human Resources Management.
- 26 b. Division of Fiscal Management.
- 27 c. Division of Professional Development and Organizational

- 1 Management.
- 2 d. Division of Information Technology and Support Services.
- 3 3. Office of Inspector General.
- 4 (b) Department of Workplace Standards.
- 5 1. Division of Occupational Safety and Health Compliance.
- 6 2. Division of Occupational Safety and Health Education and
- 7 Training.
- 8 3. Division of Wages and Hours.
- 9 (c) Department of Workers' Claims.
- 10 1. Division of Workers' Compensation Funds.
- 11 2. Office of Administrative Law Judges.
- 12 3. Division of Claims Processing.
- 13 4. Division of Security and Compliance.
- 14 5. Division of Information Services.
- 15 6. Division of Specialist and Medical Services.
- 16 7. Workers' Compensation Board.
- 17 (d) Workers' Compensation Funding Commission.
- 18 (e) Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board.
- 19 (f) State Labor Relations Board.
- 20 (g) Employers' Mutual Insurance Authority.
- 21 (h) Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.
- 22 (i) Workers' Compensation Nominating Committee.
- 23 (6) Transportation Cabinet:
- 24 (a) Department of Highways.
- 25 1. Office of Project Development.
- 26 2. Office of Project Delivery and Preservation.
- 27 3. Office of Highway Safety.

- 1 4. Highway District Offices One through Twelve.
- 2 (b) Department of Vehicle Regulation.
- 3 (c) Department of Aviation.
- 4 (d) Department of Rural and Municipal Aid.
 - 5 1. Office of Local Programs.
 - 6 2. Office of Rural and Secondary Roads.
- 7 (e) Office of the Secretary.
 - 8 1. Office of Public Affairs.
 - 9 2. Office for Civil Rights and Small Business Development.
 - 10 3. Office of Budget and Fiscal Management.
 - 11 4. Office of Inspector General.
- 12 (f) Office of Support Services.
- 13 (g) Office of Transportation Delivery.
- 14 (h) Office of Audits.
- 15 (i) Office of Human Resource Management.
- 16 (j) Office of Information Technology.
- 17 (k) Office of Legal Services.
- 18 (7) Cabinet for Economic Development:
 - 19 (a) Office of the Secretary.
 - 20 1. Office of Legal Services.
 - 21 2. Department for Business Development.
 - 22 3. Department for Financial Services.
 - 23 a. Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority.
 - 24 b. Finance and Personnel Division.
 - 25 c. IT and Resource Management Division.
 - 26 d. Compliance Division.
 - 27 e. Incentive Administration Division.

- 1 f. Bluegrass State Skills Corporation.
- 2 4. Office of Marketing and Public Affairs.
- 3 a. Communications Division.
- 4 b. Graphics Design Division.
- 5 5. Office of Workforce, Community Development, and Research.
- 6 6. Office of Entrepreneurship.
- 7 a. Commission on Small Business Advocacy.
- 8 (8) Cabinet for Health and Family Services:
- 9 (a) Office of the Secretary.
- 10 1. Office of the Ombudsman and Administrative Review.
- 11 2. Office of Public Affairs.
- 12 3. Office of Legal Services.
- 13 4. Office of Inspector General.
- 14 5. Office of Human Resource Management.
- 15 6. Office of Finance and Budget.
- 16 7. Office of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs.
- 17 8. Office of Administrative Services.
- 18 9. Office of Application Technology Services.
- 19 (b) Department for Public Health.
- 20 (c) Department for Medicaid Services.
- 21 (d) Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual
- 22 Disabilities.
- 23 (e) Department for Aging and Independent Living.
- 24 (f) Department for Community Based Services.
- 25 (g) Department for Income Support.
- 26 (h) Department for Family Resource Centers and Volunteer Services.
- 27 (i) Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs.

- 1 (j) Office of Health Data and Analytics.
- 2 (9) Finance and Administration Cabinet:
- 3 (a) Office of the Secretary.
- 4 (b) Office of the Inspector General.
- 5 (c) Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs.
- 6 (d) Office of General Counsel.
- 7 (e) Office of the Controller.
- 8 (f) Office of Administrative Services.
- 9 (g) Office of Policy and Audit.
- 10 (h) Department for Facilities and Support Services.
- 11 (i) Department of Revenue.
- 12 (j) Commonwealth Office of Technology.
- 13 (k) State Property and Buildings Commission.
- 14 (l) Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and Contract Compliance.
- 15 (m) Kentucky Employees Retirement Systems.
- 16 (n) Commonwealth Credit Union.
- 17 (o) State Investment Commission.
- 18 (p) Kentucky Housing Corporation.
- 19 (q) Kentucky Local Correctional Facilities Construction Authority.
- 20 (r) Kentucky Turnpike Authority.
- 21 (s) Historic Properties Advisory Commission.
- 22 (t) Kentucky Tobacco Settlement Trust Corporation.
- 23 (u) Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority.
- 24 (v) Kentucky River Authority.
- 25 (w) Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System Board of Trustees.
- 26 (x) Executive Branch Ethics Commission.
- 27 (10) Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet:

- 1 (a) Kentucky Department of Tourism.
- 2 1. Division of Tourism Services.
- 3 2. Division of Marketing and Administration.
- 4 3. Division of Communications and Promotions.
- 5 (b) Kentucky Department of Parks.
- 6 1. Division of Information Technology.
- 7 2. Division of Human Resources.
- 8 3. Division of Financial Operations.
- 9 4. Division of Facilities Management.
- 10 5. Division of Facilities Maintenance.
- 11 6. Division of Customer Services.
- 12 7. Division of Recreation.
- 13 8. Division of Golf Courses.
- 14 9. Division of Food Services.
- 15 10. Division of Rangers.
- 16 11. Division of Resort Parks.
- 17 12. Division of Recreational Parks and Historic Sites.
- 18 (c) Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.
- 19 1. Division of Law Enforcement.
- 20 2. Division of Administrative Services.
- 21 3. Division of Engineering, Infrastructure, and Technology.
- 22 4. Division of Fisheries.
- 23 5. Division of Information and Education.
- 24 6. Division of Wildlife.
- 25 7. Division of Marketing.
- 26 (d) Kentucky Horse Park.
- 27 1. Division of Support Services.

- 1 2. Division of Buildings and Grounds.
- 2 3. Division of Operational Services.
- 3 (e) Kentucky State Fair Board.
- 4 1. Office of Administrative and Information Technology Services.
- 5 2. Office of Human Resources and Access Control.
- 6 3. Division of Expositions.
- 7 4. Division of Kentucky Exposition Center Operations.
- 8 5. Division of Kentucky International Convention Center.
- 9 6. Division of Public Relations and Media.
- 10 7. Division of Venue Services.
- 11 8. Division of Personnel Management and Staff Development.
- 12 9. Division of Sales.
- 13 10. Division of Security and Traffic Control.
- 14 11. Division of Information Technology.
- 15 12. Division of the Louisville Arena.
- 16 13. Division of Fiscal and Contract Management.
- 17 14. Division of Access Control.
- 18 (f) Office of the Secretary.
- 19 1. Office of Finance.
- 20 2. Office of Government Relations and Administration.
- 21 3. Office of Film and Tourism Development.
- 22 (g) Office of Legal Affairs.
- 23 (h) Office of Human Resources.
- 24 (i) Office of Public Affairs and Constituent Services.
- 25 (j) Office of Arts and Cultural Heritage.
- 26 (k) Kentucky African-American Heritage Commission.
- 27 (l) Kentucky Foundation for the Arts.

- 1 (m) Kentucky Humanities Council.
- 2 (n) Kentucky Heritage Council.
- 3 (o) Kentucky Arts Council.
- 4 (p) Kentucky Historical Society.
- 5 1. Division of Museums.
- 6 2. Division of Oral History and Educational Outreach.
- 7 3. Division of Research and Publications.
- 8 4. Division of Administration.
- 9 (q) Kentucky Center for the Arts.
- 10 1. Division of Governor's School for the Arts.
- 11 (r) Kentucky Artisans Center at Berea.
- 12 (s) Northern Kentucky Convention Center.
- 13 (t) Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center.
- 14 (11) Personnel Cabinet:
- 15 (a) Office of the Secretary.
- 16 (b) Department of Human Resources Administration.
- 17 (c) Office of Employee Relations.
- 18 (d) Kentucky Public Employees Deferred Compensation Authority.
- 19 (e) Office of Administrative Services.
- 20 (f) Office of Legal Services.
- 21 (g) Governmental Services Center.
- 22 (h) Department of Employee Insurance.
- 23 (i) Office of Diversity, Equality, and Training.
- 24 (j) Office of Public Affairs.
- 25 III. Other departments headed by appointed officers:
- 26 (1) Council on Postsecondary Education.
- 27 (2) Department of Military Affairs.

- 1 (3) Department for Local Government.
- 2 (4) Kentucky Commission on Human Rights.
- 3 (5) Kentucky Commission on Women.
- 4 (6) Department of Veterans' Affairs.
- 5 (7) Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs.
- 6 (8) Office of Minority Empowerment.
- 7 (9) Governor's Council on Wellness and Physical Activity.
- 8 (10) Kentucky Communications Network Authority.

9 ➔Section 3. KRS 12.252 is amended to read as follows:

- 10 (1) There is established within the Public Protection Cabinet a Department of Financial
11 Institutions, a Department of Insurance, a Department of Housing, Buildings and
12 Construction, a Department of Charitable Gaming, a Department of Professional
13 Licensing, and a Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Each department shall
14 be headed by a commissioner appointed by the Governor as required by KRS
15 12.040 and, where appropriate, by KRS 238.510, 241.015, and 304.2-020.
16 Commissioners shall be directly responsible to the secretary and shall perform the
17 functions, powers, and duties provided by law and prescribed by the secretary.
- 18 (2) The secretary of the Public Protection Cabinet shall be appointed by the Governor
19 in accordance with KRS 12.255. The Office of the Secretary shall contain the
20 following entities:
 - 21 (a) The Office of Communications and Public Outreach, which shall be headed
22 by an executive director appointed by the secretary with the approval of the
23 Governor in accordance with KRS 12.050;
 - 24 (b) The Office of Legal Services, which shall be headed by an executive director
25 appointed by the secretary with the approval of the Governor in accordance
26 with KRS 12.050 and 12.210;
 - 27 (c) The Office of Administrative Hearings, which shall be headed by an executive

1 director appointed by the secretary with the approval of the Governor in
2 accordance with KRS 12.050 and 12.210; and

3 (d) The Office of Administrative Services, which shall be headed by an executive
4 director appointed by the secretary with the approval of the Governor in
5 accordance with KRS 12.050.

6 (3) There is established within the Public Protection Cabinet the Office of Claims and
7 Appeals~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ pursuant to KRS 49.010.

8 (4) The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission is attached to the Public Protection
9 Cabinet for administrative purposes only, except as provided in KRS 131.330.

10 (5) There is established within the Public Protection Cabinet the Kentucky Boxing and
11 Wrestling Commission, which shall be headed by an executive director appointed
12 by the secretary with the approval of the Governor as required by KRS 12.050. The
13 executive director shall be directly responsible to the secretary and shall perform the
14 functions, powers, and duties provided by law and prescribed by the secretary.

15 ➔Section 4. KRS 13B.020 is amended to read as follows:

16 (1) The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all administrative hearings conducted
17 by an agency, with the exception of those specifically exempted under this section.
18 The provisions of this chapter shall supersede any other provisions of the Kentucky
19 Revised Statutes and administrative regulations, unless exempted under this section,
20 to the extent these other provisions are duplicative or in conflict. This chapter
21 creates only procedural rights and shall not be construed to confer upon any person
22 a right to hearing not expressly provided by law.

23 (2) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to:

24 (a) Investigations, hearings to determine probable cause, or any other type of
25 information gathering or fact finding activities;

26 (b) Public hearings required in KRS Chapter 13A for the promulgation of
27 administrative regulations;

- 1 (c) Any other public hearing conducted by an administrative agency which is
2 nonadjudicatory in nature and the primary purpose of which is to seek public
3 input on public policy making;
- 4 (d) Military adjudicatory proceedings conducted in accordance with KRS Chapter
5 35;
- 6 (e) Administrative hearings conducted by the legislative and judicial branches of
7 state government;
- 8 (f) Administrative hearings conducted by any city, county, urban-county, charter
9 county, or special district contained in KRS Chapters 65 to 109, or any other
10 unit of local government operating strictly in a local jurisdictional capacity;
- 11 (g) Informal hearings which are part of a multilevel hearing process that affords
12 an administrative hearing at some point in the hearing process if the
13 procedures for informal hearings are approved and promulgated in accordance
14 with subsections (4) and (5) of this section;
- 15 (h) Limited exemptions granted for specific hearing provisions and denoted by
16 reference in the text of the applicable statutes or administrative regulations;
- 17 (i) Administrative hearings exempted pursuant to subsection (3) of this section;
- 18 (j) Administrative hearings exempted, in whole or in part, pursuant to
19 subsections (4) and (5) of this section; and
- 20 (k) Any administrative hearing which was commenced but not completed prior to
21 July 15, 1996.
- 22 (3) The following administrative hearings are exempt from application of this chapter
23 in compliance with 1994 Ky. Acts ch. 382, sec. 19:
- 24 (a) Finance and Administration Cabinet
- 25 1. Higher Education Assistance Authority
- 26 a. Wage garnishment hearings conducted under authority of 20
27 U.S.C. sec. 1095a and 34 C.F.R. sec. 682.410

- 1 b. Offset hearings conducted under authority of 31 U.S.C. sec. 3720A
2 and sec. 3716, and 34 C.F.R. sec. 30.33
- 3 2. Department of Revenue
- 4 a. Any licensing and bond revocation hearings conducted under the
5 authority of KRS 138.210 to 138.448 and 234.310 to 234.440
- 6 b. Any license revocation hearings under KRS 131.630 and 138.130
7 to 138.205
- 8 (b) Cabinet for Health and Family Services
- 9 1. Office of the Inspector General
- 10 a. Certificate-of-need hearings and licensure conducted under
11 authority of KRS Chapter 216B
- 12 b. Licensure revocation hearings conducted under authority of KRS
13 Chapter 216B
- 14 2. Department for Community Based Services
- 15 a. Supervised placement revocation hearings conducted under
16 authority of KRS Chapter 630
- 17 3. Department for Income Support
- 18 a. Disability determination hearings conducted under authority of 20
19 C.F.R. sec. 404
- 20 4. Department for Medicaid Services
- 21 a. Administrative appeal hearings following an external independent
22 third-party review of a Medicaid managed care organization's final
23 decision that denies, in whole or in part, a health care service to an
24 enrollee or a claim for reimbursement to the provider for a health
25 care service rendered by the provider to an enrollee of the
26 Medicaid managed care organization, conducted under authority of
27 KRS 205.646

- 1 (c) Justice and Public Safety Cabinet
- 2 1. Department of Kentucky State Police
- 3 a. Kentucky State Police Trial Board disciplinary hearings conducted
- 4 under authority of KRS Chapter 16
- 5 2. Department of Corrections
- 6 a. Parole Board hearings conducted under authority of KRS Chapter
- 7 439
- 8 b. Prison adjustment committee hearings conducted under authority
- 9 of KRS Chapter 197
- 10 c. Prison grievance committee hearings conducted under authority of
- 11 KRS Chapters 196 and 197
- 12 3. Department of Juvenile Justice
- 13 a. Supervised placement revocation hearings conducted under KRS
- 14 Chapter 635
- 15 (d) Energy and Environment Cabinet
- 16 1. Department for Natural Resources
- 17 a. Surface mining hearings conducted under authority of KRS
- 18 Chapter 350
- 19 b. Oil and gas hearings conducted under the authority of KRS
- 20 Chapter 353, except for those conducted by the Kentucky Oil and
- 21 Gas Conservation Commission pursuant to KRS 353.500 to
- 22 353.720
- 23 c. Explosives and blasting hearings conducted under the authority of
- 24 KRS 351.315 to 351.375
- 25 2. Department for Environmental Protection
- 26 a. Wild River hearings conducted under authority of KRS Chapter
- 27 146

- 1 b. Water resources hearings conducted under authority of KRS
2 Chapter 151
- 3 c. Water plant operator and water well driller hearings conducted
4 under authority of KRS Chapter 223
- 5 d. Environmental protection hearings conducted under authority of
6 KRS Chapter 224
- 7 e. Petroleum Storage Tank Environmental Assurance Fund hearings
8 under authority of KRS Chapter 224
- 9 3. Public Service Commission
- 10 a. Utility hearings conducted under authority of KRS Chapters 74,
11 278, and 279
- 12 (e) Labor Cabinet
- 13 1. Department of Workers' Claims
- 14 a. Workers' compensation hearings conducted under authority of
15 KRS Chapter 342
- 16 2. Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission
- 17 a. Occupational safety and health hearings conducted under authority
18 of KRS Chapter 338
- 19 (f) Public Protection Cabinet
- 20 1. **Board of Claims**~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~
- 21 a. Liability hearings conducted under authority of **subsection (5) of**
22 **Section 10 of this Act**~~[KRS 49.020(1)]~~ and 49.040 to 49.180
- 23 (g) Education and Workforce Development Cabinet
- 24 1. Unemployment Insurance hearings conducted under authority of KRS
25 Chapter 341
- 26 (h) Secretary of State
- 27 1. Registry of Election Finance

- 1 a. Campaign finance hearings conducted under authority of KRS
2 Chapter 121
- 3 (i) State universities and colleges
- 4 1. Student suspension and expulsion hearings conducted under authority of
5 KRS Chapter 164
- 6 2. University presidents and faculty removal hearings conducted under
7 authority of KRS Chapter 164
- 8 3. Campus residency hearings conducted under authority of KRS Chapter
9 164
- 10 4. Family Education Rights to Privacy Act hearings conducted under
11 authority of 20 U.S.C. sec. 1232 and 34 C.F.R. sec. 99
- 12 5. Federal Health Care Quality Improvement Act of 1986 hearings
13 conducted under authority of 42 U.S.C. sec. 11101 to 11115 and KRS
14 Chapter 311.
- 15 (4) Any administrative hearing, or portion thereof, may be certified as exempt by the
16 Attorney General based on the following criteria:
- 17 (a) The provisions of this chapter conflict with any provision of federal law or
18 regulation with which the agency must comply, or with any federal law or
19 regulation with which the agency must comply to permit the agency or
20 persons within the Commonwealth to receive federal tax benefits or federal
21 funds or other benefits;
- 22 (b) Conformity with the requirement of this chapter from which exemption is
23 sought would be so unreasonable or so impractical as to deny due process
24 because of undue delay in the conduct of administrative hearings; or
- 25 (c) The hearing procedures represent informal proceedings which are the
26 preliminary stages or the review stages of a multilevel hearing process, if the
27 provisions of this chapter or the provisions of a substantially equivalent

1 hearing procedure exempted under subsection (3) of this section are applied at
2 some level within the multilevel process.

3 (5) The Attorney General shall not exempt an agency from any requirement of this
4 chapter until the agency establishes alternative procedures by administrative
5 regulation which, insofar as practical, shall be consistent with the intent and purpose
6 of this chapter. When regulations for alternative procedures are submitted to the
7 Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee, they shall be accompanied by the
8 request for exemption and the approval of exemption from the Attorney General.
9 The decision of the Attorney General, whether affirmative or negative, shall be
10 subject to judicial review in the Franklin Circuit Court within thirty (30) days of the
11 date of issuance. The court shall not overturn a decision of the Attorney General
12 unless the decision was arbitrary or capricious or contrary to law.

13 (6) Except to the extent precluded by another provision of law, a person may waive any
14 procedural right conferred upon that person by this chapter.

15 (7) The provisions of KRS 13B.030(2)(b) shall not apply to administrative hearings
16 held under KRS 11A.100 or 18A.095.

17 ➔Section 5. KRS 39A.120 is amended to read as follows:

18 If the owner of any property seized, taken, or condemned pursuant to KRS 39A.110
19 refuses to accept as adequate the compensation fixed by the Governor, the owner may
20 present a claim to the **Board of Claims**~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~, which shall hear
21 and determine it according to the provisions of KRS 49.040 to 49.180 and the
22 administrative regulations of the **board**~~[commission]~~.

23 ➔Section 6. KRS 39A.130 is amended to read as follows:

24 (1) The owner of property seized, taken, or condemned may appeal from the award of
25 the **Board of Claims**~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ to the Circuit Court of the
26 county of the owner's residence. The Rules of Civil Procedure shall, so far as
27 applicable, govern the procedure on appeal. A trial de novo shall not be allowed

1 unless the record on appeal is not sufficient to determine the matter from the record,
 2 but if the action is tried, it shall be tried according to the practice prescribed for the
 3 trial of jury cases.

4 (2) An appeal from the judgment of Circuit Court may be taken to the Court of
 5 Appeals.

6 ➔Section 7. KRS 39A.140 is amended to read as follows:

7 (1) If the owner of property seized, taken, or condemned accepts as adequate the
 8 compensation fixed by the Governor, the owner shall file a statement of the amount
 9 of compensation from the Governor with the Finance and Administration Cabinet,
 10 which shall draw a warrant on the State Treasurer for the amount of the
 11 compensation in favor of the person entitled to payment.

12 (2) If the compensation is determined by award of the Board of Claims~~[Kentucky~~
 13 ~~Claims Commission]~~ or judgment of a court, as provided in KRS 39A.110,
 14 39A.120, and 39A.130, a certified copy of the award or judgment shall be filed with
 15 the Finance and Administration Cabinet which shall draw a warrant on the State
 16 Treasurer for the amount of the award or judgment.

17 (3) The State Treasurer shall pay the warrants out of any money in the Treasury not
 18 otherwise appropriated.

19 ➔Section 8. KRS 39E.180 is amended to read as follows:

20 Any claims against the commission or committees or their members shall be filed with
 21 the Board of Claims~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ in accordance with KRS 49.040 to
 22 49.180.

23 ➔Section 9. KRS 49.010 is amended to read as follows:

24 (1) *The Office of Claims and Appeals is created within the Public Protection Cabinet*
 25 *and shall constitute a statutory administrative office of the state government*
 26 *within the meaning of KRS Chapter 12.*

27 *(2) The Office of Claims and Appeals shall consist of three (3) separate and distinct*

1 administrative boards attached to the office within the meaning of KRS 12.020:

2 (a) The Board of Tax Appeals;

3 (b) The Board of Claims; and

4 (c) The Crime Victims Compensation Board.

5 (2) The executive director of the Office of Claims and Appeals shall be appointed by
6 the secretary of the Public Protection Cabinet with the approval of the Governor
7 in accordance with KRS 12.050. The secretary of the Public Protection Cabinet is
8 the appointing authority for the Office of Claims and Appeals and the executive
9 director shall be directly responsible to the secretary of the Public Protection
10 Cabinet and shall perform the functions, powers, and duties provided by law and
11 prescribed by the secretary of the Public Protection Cabinet. The executive
12 director shall:

13 (a) Carry out the policy and program directives of the boards;

14 (b) Be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the office;

15 (c) Establish appropriate organizational structures and personnel policies;

16 (d) Prepare annual reports on the office's and board's activities;

17 (e) Prepare budgets; and

18 (f) Perform all other duties as directed by the secretary and the boards and
19 necessary for the operation of the office.

20 (3) The Office of Claims and Appeals shall be authorized to:

21 (a) Employ necessary staff, secure adequate office space, and execute other
22 administrative and logistical matters as may be necessary to ensure proper
23 functioning of the office;

24 (b) Promulgate, amend, and repeal suitable administrative regulations to carry
25 out the provisions and purposes of the office's statutory authority;

26 (c) Publicize widely the functions and purposes of the Office of Claims and
27 Appeals and its attached boards; and

1 (d) Enter into agreements with any state agency, political subdivision of the
2 state, postsecondary education institution, or other person or entity to enlist
3 assistance to implement the duties and responsibilities of the office.

4 (4) The principal office of the Office of Claims and Appeals shall be at Frankfort,
5 Kentucky and shall be open during regular working hours for the conduct of its
6 business. ~~[The Kentucky Claims Commission is created and established within the~~
7 ~~Public Protection Cabinet. As used in this chapter, "commission" means the~~
8 ~~Kentucky Claims Commission.~~

9 ~~(2) The commission shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the Governor with~~
10 ~~the consent of the Senate. At least one (1) member shall be an attorney licensed to~~
11 ~~practice in the Commonwealth, at least one (1) member shall have a taxation~~
12 ~~background, and at least one (1) member shall be:~~

13 ~~(a) A victim as defined in KRS 421.500(1);~~

14 ~~(b) The parent, spouse, sibling, or child of a victim as defined in KRS 421.500(1),~~
15 ~~whether or not the victim is deceased; or~~

16 ~~(c) A victim advocate as defined in KRS 421.570(1).~~

17 ~~(3) Except for the appointment of the commission's first members, all appointments~~
18 ~~shall be for a three (3) year term. Vacancies for unexpired terms shall be filled in~~
19 ~~the same manner as regular appointments, but an appointee for a vacancy shall hold~~
20 ~~office only to the end of the unexpired term of that vacated member.~~

21 ~~(4) The Governor shall designate one (1) member of the commission to serve as~~
22 ~~chairperson, and the commission shall annually elect one (1) of its members to~~
23 ~~serve as vice chairperson with the authority to act in the absence of the chairperson.~~

24 ~~(5) The Governor shall set a salary for members of the commission. In addition,~~
25 ~~members shall be reimbursed for all expenses paid or incurred in the discharge of~~
26 ~~official business at existing state rates.~~

27 ~~(6) The commission shall meet as often as necessary to perform its statutory~~

1 responsibilities as outlined in this chapter. A majority of the members of the
2 commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

3 ~~(7) The chairperson shall conduct an annual training session for all members of the~~
4 ~~commission on new legislation, relevant court decisions, and commission policies~~
5 ~~and procedures.~~

6 ~~(8) The commission shall be headed by an executive director appointed by the~~
7 ~~commission. The executive director shall:~~

8 ~~(a) Carry out the policy and program directives of the commission;~~

9 ~~(b) Be responsible for the day to day operations of the commission;~~

10 ~~(c) Establish appropriate organizational structures and personnel policies;~~

11 ~~(d) Serve as the appointing authority for all personnel;~~

12 ~~(e) Prepare annual reports on the commission's activities;~~

13 ~~(f) Prepare budgets; and~~

14 ~~(g) Perform all other duties as directed by the commission or assigned by law.~~

15 ~~(9) The Governor shall appoint the necessary number of hearing officers to serve at the~~
16 ~~direction of the commission. A commission member or employee may serve as a~~
17 ~~hearing officer for the commission. Any commission member or employee who~~
18 ~~serves as a hearing officer shall not receive additional compensation but shall be~~
19 ~~reimbursed at state rates for expenses paid or incurred as a result of serving as a~~
20 ~~hearing officer. A commission member or employee who is an attorney licensed to~~
21 ~~practice in the Commonwealth shall be exempt from KRS 13B.030(4).~~

22 ~~(10) With the approval of the commission, the executive director and commission~~
23 ~~employees may enter into agreements with any state agency, political subdivision of~~
24 ~~the state, postsecondary education institution, or other person or entity to enlist~~
25 ~~assistance to implement the duties and responsibilities of the commission.]~~

26 ➔ Section 10. KRS 49.020 is amended to read as follows:

27 **(1) The Board of Tax Appeals created by Section 9 of this Act shall have the power**

1 and authority to hear and determine appeals from final rulings, orders, and
2 determinations of any agency of state or county government affecting revenue
3 and taxation.

4 (2) (a) The Board of Tax Appeals shall consist of three (3) members appointed by
5 the Governor. One (1) member shall be appointed initially for a two (2) year
6 term. One (1) member shall be appointed initially for a three (3) year term.
7 One (1) member shall be appointed initially for a four (4) year term.
8 Thereafter, all appointments to the board shall be for a four (4) year term.
9 Each member may be reappointed for one (1), four (4) year term.

10 (b) Vacancies for unexpired terms shall be filled in the same manner as regular
11 appointments, but the appointees shall hold office only to the end of the
12 unexpired term of the member replaced.

13 (c) The Governor shall designate one (1) of the members of the board to act as
14 chair and if the chair becomes vacant, the Governor shall designate a new
15 chair.

16 (d) The Governor shall establish the compensation, not to include benefits, of
17 the members of the board pursuant to KRS 64.640.

18 (e) Each member of the Board of Tax Appeals shall be a person at least thirty-
19 five (35) years of age. One (1) member shall be an attorney with the
20 qualifications required of candidates for Circuit Judge. The other two (2)
21 members shall be persons with a general business background except that
22 not all the members shall be of the same occupation or profession. No
23 member shall engage in any occupation or business inconsistent with his or
24 her duties as a member.

25 (3) The Crime Victims Compensation Board created by Section 9 of this Act shall
26 have the power and authority to hear and determine all matters relating to a
27 claim by a crime victim or a person authorized by law to act on behalf of a crime

1 victim for compensation.

- 2 (4) (a) The Crime Victims Compensation Board shall consist of three (3) members
3 appointed by the Governor, not all of whom shall be engaged in the same
4 occupation or profession, at least one (1) of whom shall be a victim as
5 defined in KRS 421.500(1), the parent, spouse, sibling, or child of a victim
6 as defined in KRS 421.500(1), whether or not the victim is deceased; or a
7 victim's advocate as defined in KRS 421.570(1).
- 8 (b) One (1) member shall be appointed initially for a two (2) year term. One (1)
9 member shall be appointed initially for a three (3) year term. One (1)
10 member shall be appointed initially for a four (4) year term. Thereafter, all
11 appointments to the board shall be for a four (4) year term. Each member
12 may be reappointed for one (1), four (4) year term.
- 13 (c) Vacancies for unexpired terms shall be filled in the same manner as regular
14 appointments, but the appointees shall hold office only to the end of the
15 unexpired term of the member replaced.
- 16 (d) The Governor shall designate one (1) member of the board as chair. The
17 Governor shall fill any vacancy in the chair.
- 18 (e) The Governor shall establish the compensation, not to include benefits, of
19 the members of the board pursuant to the provisions of KRS 64.640.
- 20 (5) The Board of Claims created by Section 9 of this Act shall have the following
21 powers and authority to investigate, hear proof, and compensate persons for
22 damages sustained to either person or property as a proximate result of
23 negligence on the part of the Commonwealth, any of its cabinets, departments,
24 bureaus, or agencies, or any of its officers, agents, or employees while acting
25 within the scope of their employment by the Commonwealth or any of its
26 cabinets, departments, bureaus, or agencies; except, however, regardless of any
27 provision of law to the contrary, the Commonwealth, its cabinets, departments,

1 bureaus, and agencies, and its officers, agents, and employees, while acting
2 within the scope of their employment by the Commonwealth or any of its
3 cabinets, departments, bureaus, or agencies, shall not be liable for collateral or
4 dependent claims which are dependent on loss to another and not the claimant or
5 damages for mental distress or pain or suffering, and compensation shall not be
6 allowed, awarded, or paid for such claims for damages.

7 (6) (a) The Board of Claims shall be composed of the members of the Crime
8 Victims Compensation Board. The members shall not be entitled to
9 additional compensation for their services on the Board of Claims.

10 (b) The Governor shall designate a member of the board to serve as chair for a
11 term of four (4) years.

12 (c) The Governor shall fill any vacancy in the chair.

13 (d) No member shall serve as chair of the Crime Victims Compensation Board
14 and as chair of the Board of Claims at the same time.

15 (7) The Board of Tax Appeals, the Board of Claims, and the Crime Victims
16 Compensation Board shall each be separately authorized to:

17 (a) Promulgate, amend, and repeal suitable administrative regulations to carry
18 out the provisions and purposes of the board's statutory authority;

19 (b) Issue subpoenas and discovery orders, and to petition a court of competent
20 jurisdiction for any order necessary to carry out the board's powers and
21 duties;

22 (c) Take or cause to be taken affidavits or depositions within or without the
23 state;

24 (d) Administer or cause to be administered oaths;

25 (e) Except for the power to issue final decisions on the merits of a claim or
26 appeal, delegate any of its power or authority to the Office of Claims and
27 Appeals; and

1 (f) Publicize widely the functions and purposes of the board.

2 (8) If any appointed board member has a conflict of interest, as contemplated by KRS
 3 11A.030, involving any matter pending before the board, the secretary of the
 4 cabinet shall appoint a member of one (1) of the other boards administered by the
 5 Office of Claims and Appeals as a substitute member. Following appointment,
 6 the substitute board member shall serve in place of the member who has a
 7 conflict for all actions and votes relevant to that matter.

8 (9) Members of the Board of Tax Appeals, Board of Claims, and Crime Victims
 9 Compensation Board shall receive new member orientation and annual training
 10 to discuss new legislation, pertinent court decisions, and board policies and
 11 procedures.

12 (10) The boards shall meet as often as necessary to perform their statutory
 13 responsibilities as outlined in this chapter. A majority of the members of the
 14 commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.[The

15 ~~Kentucky Claims Commission created by KRS 49.010 shall have the following~~
 16 ~~powers and authority:~~

17 ~~(1) To investigate, hear proof, and compensate persons for damages sustained to either~~
 18 ~~person or property as a proximate result of negligence on the part of the~~
 19 ~~Commonwealth, any of its cabinets, departments, bureaus, or agencies, or any of its~~
 20 ~~officers, agents, or employees while acting within the scope of their employment by~~
 21 ~~the Commonwealth or any of its cabinets, departments, bureaus, or agencies;~~
 22 ~~except, however, regardless of any provision of law to the contrary, the~~
 23 ~~Commonwealth, its cabinets, departments, bureaus, and agencies, and its officers,~~
 24 ~~agents, and employees, while acting within the scope of their employment by the~~
 25 ~~Commonwealth or any of its cabinets, departments, bureaus, or agencies, shall not~~
 26 ~~be liable for collateral or dependent claims which are dependent on loss to another~~
 27 ~~and not the claimant or damages for mental distress or pain or suffering, and~~

- 1 ~~compensation shall not be allowed, awarded, or paid for such claims for damages.~~
2 ~~Furthermore, any damage claim awarded shall be reduced by the amount of~~
3 ~~payments received or the right to receive payment from workers' compensation~~
4 ~~insurance; Social Security programs; unemployment insurance programs; medical,~~
5 ~~disability, or life insurance programs; or other federal or state or private program~~
6 ~~designed to supplement income or pay claimant's expenses or damages incurred.~~
7 ~~Any claim against the Commonwealth or its departments, agencies, officers, agents,~~
8 ~~or employees, or a school district board of education or its members, officers,~~
9 ~~agents, or employees, for damages sustained as the result of exposure to asbestos~~
10 ~~before, during, or after its removal from a facility owned, leased, occupied, or~~
11 ~~operated by the Commonwealth or a school district board of education shall be~~
12 ~~brought before the commission;~~
- 13 ~~(2) To hear and determine appeals from final rulings, orders, and determinations of any~~
14 ~~agency of state or county government affecting revenue and taxation;~~
- 15 ~~(3) To hear and determine all matters relating to a claim by a crime victim or a person~~
16 ~~authorized by law to act on behalf of a crime victim for compensation;~~
- 17 ~~(4) To establish and maintain necessary offices within this state, appoint employees and~~
18 ~~agents as necessary, and prescribe their duties and compensation;~~
- 19 ~~(5) To promulgate, amend, and repeal suitable administrative regulations to carry out~~
20 ~~the provisions and purposes of the commission's statutory authority;~~
- 21 ~~(6) To issue subpoenas and discovery orders and to petition a court of competent~~
22 ~~jurisdiction for any order necessary to carry out the commission's powers and~~
23 ~~duties;~~
- 24 ~~(7) To take or cause to be taken affidavits or depositions within or without the state;~~
- 25 ~~(8) To administer or cause to be administered oaths;~~
- 26 ~~(9) Except for the power to issue final decisions on the merits of a claim or appeal, to~~
27 ~~delegate any of its power or authority to commission employees; and~~

1 ~~(10) To publicize widely the functions and purposes of the commission.~~

2 → Section 11. KRS 49.030 is amended to read as follows:

3 KRS 49.040 to 49.180 shall apply to the **power and authority of the Board of**
 4 **Claims**~~[Kentucky Claims Commission's power and authority]~~ outlined in **subsection (5)**
 5 **of Section 10 of this Act**~~[KRS 49.020(1)]~~.

6 → Section 12. KRS 49.040 is amended to read as follows:

7 (1) Regardless of any provision of law to the contrary, the jurisdiction of the **Board of**
 8 **Claims**~~[commission]~~ is exclusive, and a single claim for the recovery of money or a
 9 single award of money shall not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars
 10 (\$250,000), exclusive of interest and costs. However, if a single act of negligence
 11 results in multiple claims, the total award may not exceed four hundred thousand
 12 dollars (\$400,000), to be equitably divided among the claimants, but in no case may
 13 any claimant individually receive more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars
 14 (\$250,000).

15 (2) Hearing officers, upon the direction of the **board, the board chair, or the executive**
 16 **director of the Office of Claims and Appeals**~~[chairperson, the commission, or the~~
 17 ~~commission's executive director,]~~ shall conduct hearings and otherwise supervise
 18 the presentation of evidence and perform any other duties assigned to them by the
 19 **board, the board chair, or the executive director of the Office of Claims and**
 20 **Appeals**~~[chairperson, the commission, or the commission's executive director,]~~,
 21 except that such hearing officers shall not render final decisions, orders, or awards.
 22 However, such hearing officers may, in receiving evidence on behalf of the
 23 **board**~~[commission]~~, make such rulings affecting the competency, relevancy, and
 24 materiality of the evidence about to be presented and upon motions presented
 25 during the taking of evidence as will expedite the preparation of the case.

26 (3) **The board shall maintain the official record of the claim, including evidence**
 27 **entered into the record at a hearing on the claim, and the final action taken on**

1 **each claim. All records of proceedings shall be public records.**

2 **(4)** Upon recommendation to the **board**~~[commission]~~ by the attorney for the
3 Commonwealth, its cabinet, department, bureau, agency, or employee thereof, that a
4 settlement has been reached between the parties to the claim, and upon approval by
5 the **board**~~[commission]~~ that the settlement is reasonable for all parties concerned,
6 an agreed judgment or dismissal may be entered accordingly, even without a party's
7 admission to liability.

8 ➔Section 13. KRS 49.050 is amended to read as follows:

9 (1) The **Board of Claims**~~[commission]~~ created by KRS 49.010 is hereby vested with
10 full power, authority, and jurisdiction to investigate, hear proof, and compensate
11 persons for damages sustained to either person or property as a proximate result of
12 negligence on the part of any municipality, or any of its officers, agents, or
13 employees while acting within the scope of their employment by the municipality,
14 or any agency thereof, relating to the maintenance by the municipality of state-
15 owned traffic control devices pursuant to a contract with the Commonwealth.

16 (2) Claims for personal injury or property damage against any municipality, or any of
17 its officers, agents, or employees while acting within the scope of their employment
18 of the municipality, arising out of negligence in the maintenance of state-owned
19 traffic control devices pursuant to a contract with the Commonwealth, shall be
20 limited and reduced in the same manner as described in KRS 49.040 with respect to
21 claims against the Commonwealth.

22 (3) It is the intention of subsections (1) and (2) of this section to provide every
23 municipality and agency thereof, and their respective officers, agents, or employees
24 with the same liability protection, restrictions, and reductions when such
25 municipalities and agencies are performing maintenance on state-owned traffic
26 control devices pursuant to a contract with the Commonwealth as the
27 Commonwealth and its agencies, officers, and employees would enjoy if performing

1 the work itself.

2 ➔Section 14. KRS 49.060 is amended to read as follows:

3 It is the intention of the General Assembly to provide the means to enable a person
4 negligently injured by the Commonwealth, any of its cabinets, departments, bureaus, or
5 agencies, or any of its officers, agents, or employees while acting within the scope of their
6 employment by the Commonwealth or any of its cabinets, departments, bureaus, or
7 agencies to be able to assert their just claims as herein provided. The Commonwealth
8 thereby waives the sovereign immunity defense only in the limited situations as herein set
9 forth. It is further the intention of the General Assembly to otherwise expressly preserve
10 the sovereign immunity of the Commonwealth, its cabinets, departments, bureaus, and
11 agencies and its officers, agents, and employees while acting in the scope of their
12 employment in all other situations except where sovereign immunity is specifically and
13 expressly waived as set forth by statute. The **Board of Claims**~~[commission]~~ shall have
14 exclusive jurisdiction to hear claims for damages, except as otherwise specifically set
15 forth by statute, against the Commonwealth, its cabinets, departments, bureaus, or
16 agencies, or any of its officers, agents, or employees while acting within the scope of their
17 employment.

18 ➔Section 15. KRS 49.070 is amended to read as follows:

- 19 (1) For purposes of KRS 49.060, state institutions of higher education under KRS
20 Chapter 164 are agencies of the state.
- 21 (2) The **Board of Claims**~~[commission]~~ shall have primary and exclusive jurisdiction
22 over all negligence claims for the negligent performance of ministerial acts against
23 the Commonwealth, any of its cabinets, departments, bureaus, or agencies, or any
24 officers, agents, or employees thereof while acting within the scope of their
25 employment.
- 26 (3) The **board**~~[commission]~~ shall have primary and exclusive jurisdiction to make
27 findings of fact, conclusions of law, and legal determinations with regard to whether

1 the alleged negligent act was on the part of the Commonwealth or any of its
2 cabinets, departments, bureaus, or agencies or any officers, agents, or employees
3 thereof.

4 (4) The ~~board~~~~[commission]~~ shall have primary and exclusive jurisdiction to make
5 findings of fact, conclusions of law, and legal determinations with regard to whether
6 the alleged negligent act was on the part of the Commonwealth or any of its
7 cabinets, departments, bureaus, or agencies, or any of its officers, agents, or
8 employees while acting within the scope of their employment by the
9 Commonwealth or any of its cabinets, departments, bureaus, or agencies.

10 (5) No action for negligence against the Commonwealth, any of its cabinets,
11 departments, bureaus, or agencies, or any officers, agents, or employees thereof may
12 be brought in any other court or forum in the Commonwealth except the
13 ~~board~~~~[commission]~~ unless the ~~board~~~~[commission]~~ makes a final determination that
14 it does not have primary and exclusive jurisdiction over the claim.

15 (6) The determination by the ~~board~~~~[commission]~~ becomes final only after all appellate
16 rights have been finalized or waived.

17 (7) Any applicable statute of limitations for bringing negligence actions in any court or
18 forum other than the ~~board~~~~[commission]~~ shall be tolled pending the final
19 determination that the ~~board~~~~[commission]~~ does not have primary and exclusive
20 jurisdiction of the negligence claim.

21 (8) No action for negligence may be brought in any court or forum other than the
22 ~~board~~~~[commission]~~ against the Commonwealth, any of its cabinets, departments,
23 bureaus, or agencies or any of its officers, agents, or employees while acting within
24 the scope of their employment by the Commonwealth or any of its cabinets,
25 departments, bureaus, or agencies.

26 (9) Negligence as used herein includes negligence, gross negligence, or wanton
27 negligence.

- 1 (10) The defense of contributory negligence is not a complete bar to recovery of a
2 plaintiff's claim in the board~~[commission]~~, and the doctrine of comparative
3 negligence shall be utilized by the board~~[commission]~~.
- 4 (11) Except as otherwise provided by KRS 49.040 to 49.180, nothing contained herein
5 shall be construed to be a waiver of sovereign immunity or any other immunity or
6 privilege maintained by the Commonwealth, its cabinets, departments, bureaus, and
7 agencies and its officers, agents, and employees.
- 8 (12) Except as otherwise specifically set forth by statute and in reference to subsection
9 (11) of this section, no action for damages may be maintained in any court or forum
10 against the Commonwealth, any of its cabinets, departments, bureaus, or agencies or
11 any of its officers, agents, or employees while acting within their official capacity
12 and scope of their employment by the Commonwealth or any of its cabinets,
13 departments, bureaus, or agencies.
- 14 (13) The preservation of sovereign immunity referred to in subsections (11) and (12) of
15 this section includes but is not limited to the following:
- 16 (a) Discretionary acts or decisions;
17 (b) Executive decisions;
18 (c) Ministerial acts;
19 (d) Actions in the performance of obligations running to the public as a whole;
20 (e) Governmental performance of a self-imposed protective function to the public
21 or citizens; and
22 (f) Administrative acts.
- 23 (14) The filing of an action in court or any other forum or the purchase of liability
24 insurance or the establishment of a fund for self-insurance by the Commonwealth,
25 its cabinets, departments, bureaus, or agencies or its agents, officers, or employees
26 thereof for a government-related purpose or duty shall not be construed as a waiver
27 of sovereign immunity or any other immunity or privilege thereby held. Except as

1 specifically set forth by statute, no counterclaim, set-off, recoupment, cross-claim,
 2 or other form of avoidance of the claim for damages may be asserted by any person
 3 when suit is brought against said person by the Commonwealth or any of its
 4 cabinets, departments, bureaus, or agencies thereof.

5 (15) Neither the Commonwealth nor any of its cabinets, departments, bureaus, or
 6 agencies or any officers, agents, or employees thereof shall be liable under a
 7 respondeat superior theory or any other similar theory for the acts of independent
 8 contractors, contractors, or subcontractors thereof or anyone else doing work or
 9 providing services for the state on a volunteer basis or pursuant to a contract
 10 therewith.

11 **(16) Any claim against the Commonwealth or its departments, agencies, officers,**
 12 **agents, or employees, or a school district board of education or its members,**
 13 **officers, agents, or employees, for damages sustained as a result of exposure to**
 14 **asbestos before, during, or after its removal from a facility owned, leased,**
 15 **occupied, or operated by the Commonwealth or a school district board of**
 16 **education shall be brought before the Board of Claims.**

17 ➔Section 16. KRS 49.080 is amended to read as follows:

18 **(1)** Hearings involving claimants who are residents of the Commonwealth shall be
 19 conducted in the county wherein the claim accrues, provided, however, that the
 20 parties may, with the approval of the **Board of Claims**~~commission~~, agree upon a
 21 place not within such county for the conduct of hearings. Hearings involving
 22 claimants who are nonresidents shall be conducted in the county wherein the claim
 23 accrues, provided, however, that a hearing, with the approval of the
 24 **board**~~commission~~, may be conducted in Franklin County.

25 **(2) When any member of the board is attending hearings at any place other than**
 26 **Frankfort, Kentucky, expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of such**
 27 **duty shall be paid by the state upon certification by the executive director of the**

1 *Office of Claims and Appeals of an itemized statement of such expenses in*
2 *accordance with Finance and Administration Cabinet administrative regulations.*

3 ➔Section 17. KRS 49.090 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) The *Board of Claims*~~[commission]~~ may require affected state agencies to
5 investigate claims and the incidents on which they are based and to furnish to the
6 *board*~~[commission]~~ and the claimant in writing the facts learned by investigation.
7 Such response shall be sufficiently specific to support a decision by the
8 *board*~~[commission]~~ to pay or deny the claim. If the agency believes the state should
9 refute a claim, the agency shall cite the facts about the incident that support its
10 belief.
- 11 (2) If the claim is under two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500), it may be
12 investigated by the *board*~~[commission]~~ in-house and if the *board*~~[commission]~~
13 believes it needs additional facts before deciding the claim, the parties may provide
14 the needed information by letter or as directed by the *board*~~[commission]~~.
- 15 (3) The *board*~~[commission]~~ shall hold hearings on contested claims whose value is two
16 thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) or greater but may decide claims under two
17 thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) without a hearing.
- 18 (4) At its hearings, the *board*~~[commission]~~, or any of its members, or any of its hearing
19 officers *appointed by the board* shall hear the parties at issue and their
20 representatives and witnesses.
- 21 (5) The award or order shall be made~~[by the commission or by a member assigned by~~
22 ~~the chairperson]~~ within thirty (30) days after final submission, except in cases
23 involving large or complicated records or unusual questions of law, and shall be
24 made within ninety (90) days after final submission in any event. The order or
25 award, together with a statement of the findings of fact, rulings of law, and other
26 matters pertinent to the question at issue shall be filed with the record of the claim
27 and a copy of the order or award shall immediately be sent to the parties in dispute.

1 (6) *In cases over two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) that have been assigned*
 2 *to a hearing officer or a member, the hearing officer or member shall tender a*
 3 *recommended order to the full board. The final order in any claim heard by a*
 4 *single member or hearing officer shall be made and entered by a majority of the*
 5 *board.*

6 (7) *In cases of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) or less decided by a*
 7 *member, a claimant may make* ~~[[~~ an application for review ~~is made]~~ to the *full*
 8 *board*~~[commission]~~ within fourteen (14) days from the date of the order or award.~~[,]~~
 9 *If an application is made,* the full *board*~~[commission, if the first decision was not~~
 10 ~~made by the full commission,]~~ shall, as soon as practicable, review the evidence, or,
 11 if deemed advisable, hear the parties at issue, their representatives and witnesses,
 12 and shall make an order or award and file it as specified in subsection (5) above.

13 ➔Section 18. KRS 49.100 is amended to read as follows:

14 The attorneys appointed by the Governor to represent the Commonwealth's cabinets,
 15 departments, bureaus, agencies, or officers, agents, or employees thereof may present any
 16 opposition the Commonwealth or any of its cabinets, departments, bureaus, agencies, or
 17 officers, agents, or employees thereof may have to the allowance of any claim filed with
 18 the *Board of Claims*~~[commission]~~. If such attorney is unavailable to represent his
 19 respective cabinet, department, bureau, agency, or employee thereof, then the Attorney
 20 General, either by regular or special assignment, shall designate one (1) of his assistants
 21 to present any opposition the Commonwealth or any of its cabinets, departments, bureaus,
 22 agencies, or officers, agents, or employees thereof may have to the allowance of any
 23 claim filed with the *board*~~[commission]~~.

24 ➔Section 19. KRS 49.110 is amended to read as follows:

25 *(1)* The assistant Attorneys General or attorneys appointed by the Governor to represent
 26 the Commonwealth's cabinets, departments, agencies or employees, agents, or
 27 officers thereof, assigned to defend claims filed with the *Board of*

1 Claims~~[commission]~~ shall receive no additional compensation for the performance
2 of their duties before the board~~[commission]~~; provided, however, members of the
3 board~~[commission]~~, assistant Attorneys General, and all employees acting for the
4 board~~[commission]~~ shall be recompensed for all necessary and actual expenses they
5 may incur incident to their duties for or before the commission.

6 (2) All awards and cost of operation assessed by the board~~[commission]~~ against the
7 Department of Highways shall be paid out of the state road fund upon warrants
8 drawn by the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet upon the State
9 Treasurer.

10 (3) All awards and costs of operation assessed by the board~~[commission]~~ against other
11 cabinets or agencies of the state, which are not maintained by appropriations out of
12 the general fund, shall be paid out of the funds created or collected for the
13 maintenance and operation of such cabinets or agencies respectively, upon warrants
14 drawn by the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet upon the State
15 Treasurer.

16 (4) All amounts necessary to pay awards and costs of operation assessed by the
17 board~~[commission]~~ against all other cabinets or agencies of the Commonwealth
18 shall be paid out of the general fund of the Commonwealth, upon warrants drawn by
19 the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet upon the State Treasurer.

20 (5) The executive director~~[secretary]~~ of the Office of Claims and
21 Appeals~~[commission]~~ shall maintain accurate records reflecting the costs incident to
22 the operation of the board~~[commission]~~. At the close of each quarter-year period, he
23 shall summarize the cost and shall bill each cabinet, commission, board, or agency
24 which has had cases before the board~~[commission]~~ for a pro-rata share of the cost
25 of operation for the appropriate calendar quarter computed in a manner deemed just
26 and equitable by the board~~[commission]~~. Each cabinet, commission, board, or
27 agency shall remit quarterly their share of the cost of operation to the

1 board~~[commission]~~ in the manner provided by law.

2 **(6)** The board~~[commission]~~ shall have the power and authority to determine the right of
3 any successful party to an action before it to recover from the opposing party the
4 costs incurred by him or it in such action; and such decision shall not be subject to
5 appeal. Costs shall not include attorneys' fees.

6 ➔Section 20. KRS 49.120 is amended to read as follows:

7 (1) All claims must be filed with the Board of Claims~~[commission]~~ within one (1) year
8 from the time the claim for relief accrued.

9 (2) The claim for relief shall be deemed to accrue at the time of the negligent act with
10 regard to property damage.

11 (3) The claim for relief for personal injury shall be deemed to accrue at the time the
12 personal injury is first discovered by the claimant or in the exercise of reasonable
13 care should have been discovered; however, no action for personal injury shall be
14 commenced beyond two (2) years from the date on which the alleged negligent act
15 or omission actually occurred.

16 (4) Notwithstanding subsection (3) of this section, the claim for relief for medical
17 malpractice shall be deemed to accrue at the time the personal injury is first
18 discovered by the claimant or in the exercise of reasonable care should have been
19 discovered; however, no action for personal injury as a result of medical
20 malpractice shall be commenced beyond three (3) years from the date on which the
21 alleged negligent act or omission of malpractice actually occurred.

22 (5) If at the time the alleged negligent act or omission occurred or if at the time the
23 claim for relief accrued or thereafter, the claimant is an infant or of unsound mind
24 or under any other legal disability to file suit, a guardian or next friend or committee
25 or other qualified representative shall bring such action in the board~~[commission]~~
26 on behalf of such person within the same time limitation set forth herein or the
27 claim is barred, notwithstanding KRS 413.170 and 413.280. If there is no guardian

1 or committee or he is unwilling or unable to act or is himself a claimant, the
2 **board**~~[commission]~~ shall appoint a guardian ad litem to represent the interests of
3 the claimant under legal disability. The **board**~~[commission]~~ shall allow the guardian
4 ad litem a reasonable fee for his services, to be taxed as costs.

5 ➔Section 21. KRS 49.130 is amended to read as follows:

6 **(1)** An award shall be made only after consideration of the facts surrounding the matter
7 in controversy, and no award shall be made unless the **Board of**
8 **Claims**~~[commission]~~ is of the opinion that the damage claimed was caused by such
9 negligence on the part of the Commonwealth or its agents as would entitle claimant
10 to a judgment in an action at law if the state were amenable to such action.

11 **(2)** **Furthermore, any damage claim awarded shall be reduced by the amount of**
12 **payments received or the right to receive payment from workers' compensation**
13 **insurance, Social Security programs, unemployment insurance programs;**
14 **medical, disability, or life insurance programs; or other federal or state or private**
15 **program designed to supplement income or pay claimant's expenses or damages**
16 **incurred.**

17 ➔Section 22. KRS 49.140 is amended to read as follows:

18 Orders, awards, and judgments of the **Board of Claims**~~[commission]~~ may be enforced by
19 filing in the office of the clerk of the Franklin Circuit Court an authenticated copy of the
20 order, award, or judgment, which, when ordered entered by the judge of the court, shall
21 be entered on the order book and become to all effects and purposes an order, award, or
22 judgment of the court, and be enforceable in a like manner.

23 ➔Section 23. KRS 49.150 is amended to read as follows:

24 (1) Appeals may be taken by a state agency from all awards of the **Board of**
25 **Claims**~~[commission]~~ where the amount in controversy, exclusive of interest and
26 costs, is more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500). Appeals shall be
27 taken to the Circuit Court of the county wherein the hearing was conducted,

1 provided, however, that an appeal involving a nonresident claimant may be taken by
2 a state agency to the Franklin Circuit Court. Appeals shall be taken within thirty
3 (30) days from the rendition of the award, and the method of appeals shall follow as
4 nearly as may be the rules of civil procedure, except the Commonwealth shall not
5 be required to execute bond.

6 (2) Any claimant whose claim is two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) or greater
7 may within thirty (30) days after receipt of the copy of the report containing the
8 final decision of the **board**~~[commission]~~, file a proceeding in the Circuit Court of
9 the county wherein the hearing was conducted to review the decision of the
10 **board**~~[commission]~~. A copy of the filing and complaint shall be served on the
11 Attorney General in the manner provided by the rules of civil procedure.

12 (3) The **board**~~[commission]~~, the state agency, and the claimant shall be necessary
13 parties to such appeals. It shall not be necessary for the **board**~~[commission]~~ to file
14 responsive pleadings unless it so desires.

15 (4) The executive director of the **Office of Claims and Appeals**~~[commission]~~ shall
16 within thirty (30) days after service of the summons file the entire original record
17 ~~[properly bound]~~, with the clerk of the Circuit Court, after certifying that such
18 record is the~~[commission's]~~ entire original record **of the Board of Claims** and such
19 record shall be considered by the Circuit Court in its review. If either party requests
20 a transcript of the evidence in writing, the requesting party shall bear the cost of the
21 original copy of the transcript and it shall be furnished within ninety (90) days from
22 the date of the written request.

23 (5) On appeal no new evidence may be introduced, except as to fraud or misconduct of
24 some person engaged in the hearing before the **board**~~[commission]~~. The court
25 sitting without a jury shall hear the cause upon the record before it, and dispose of
26 the appeal in a summary manner, being limited to determining: Whether or not the
27 **board**~~[commission]~~ acted without or in excess of its powers; the award was

1 procured by fraud; the award is not in conformity to the provisions of KRS 49.040
 2 to 49.180; and whether the findings of fact support the award. The court shall enter
 3 its findings on the order book as a judgment of the court, and such judgment shall
 4 have the same effect and be enforceable as any other judgment of the court in civil
 5 causes.

6 ➔Section 24. KRS 49.170 is amended to read as follows:

7 (1) Any action prosecuted to award, judgment, or final decision, including dismissal,
 8 under the provisions of KRS 49.040 to 49.180 shall preclude the right of a claimant
 9 to sue the Commonwealth, its cabinets, departments, bureaus, and agencies, and its
 10 officers, agents, or employees in the **Board of Claims**~~[commission]~~ or any other
 11 forum, except as provided in KRS 49.070(5) when the **board**~~[commission]~~
 12 determines that it has no jurisdiction over the claim.

13 (2) The final determination of the **board**~~[commission]~~ shall be given the same res
 14 judicata and collateral estoppel effect as any other judicial determination; and, if
 15 entered as provided in KRS 49.140, it shall be granted the full faith and credit given
 16 to judgments from the Commonwealth's courts in this state and the courts of the
 17 United States.

18 ➔Section 25. KRS 49.180 is amended to read as follows:

19 No claim shall be brought before the **Board of Claims**~~[commission]~~ unless the value of
 20 the total amount of damages claimed therein is two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) or
 21 greater.

22 ➔Section 26. KRS 49.190 is amended to read as follows:

23 KRS 49.200 to 49.250 shall apply to the **power and authority of the Board of Tax**
 24 **Appeals**~~[Kentucky Claims Commission's power and authority]~~ outlined in **subsection (1)**
 25 **of Section 10 of this Act**~~[KRS 49.020(2)]~~.

26 ➔Section 27. KRS 49.200 is amended to read as follows:

27 The **Board of Tax Appeals**~~[commission]~~ shall maintain the following records:

1 (1) A register wherein the **board**~~[commission]~~ shall enter by its title any proceedings
 2 appealed to it according to the date of its commencement. Thereafter, until after
 3 entry of the **board's**~~[commission's]~~ opinion and final order, there shall be noted
 4 therein according to the date, the filing or return of any paper or process or the
 5 making of any order, ruling, or other directive in or concerning such proceeding,
 6 and any other steps therein; and

7 (2) The files of the **board**~~[commission]~~ consisting of all papers or other process filed
 8 with or by the **board**~~[commission]~~.

9 ➔Section 28. KRS 49.210 is amended to read as follows:

10 (1) The **Board of Tax Appeals**~~[commission]~~ may hold hearings at any location within
 11 the Commonwealth, with a view to securing opportunity to taxpayers to appear
 12 before it with as little inconvenience and expense as practicable. **When any member**
 13 **of the board is attending hearings at any place other than Frankfort, Kentucky,**
 14 **expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of such duty shall be paid by**
 15 **the state upon certification by the executive director of the Office of Claims and**
 16 **Appeals of an itemized statement of such expenses in accordance with the**
 17 **Finance and Administration Cabinet administrative regulations.**

18 (2) When any member or employee of the **board**~~[commission]~~ is attending hearings at
 19 any place other than Frankfort, Kentucky, expenses necessarily incurred in the
 20 performance of such duty shall be paid by the state upon certification by the
 21 executive director of the **Office of Claims and Appeals**~~[commission]~~ of an itemized
 22 statement of such expenses in accordance with Finance and Administration Cabinet
 23 regulations.

24 ➔Section 29. KRS 49.220 is amended to read as follows:

25 (1) The **Board of Tax Appeals**~~[commission, pursuant to KRS 49.020,]~~ is vested with
 26 exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine appeals from final rulings, orders, and
 27 determinations of any agency of state or county government affecting revenue and

1 taxation. Administrative hearings before the ~~board~~[~~commission~~] shall be de novo
 2 and conducted in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B and administrative regulations
 3 promulgated by the ~~board~~[~~commission~~].

4 (2) Any state or county agency charged with the administration of any taxing or
 5 licensing measure which is under the jurisdiction of the ~~board~~[~~commission~~] shall
 6 mail by certified mail notice of its ruling, order, or determination within three (3)
 7 working days from the date of the decision.

8 (3) Any party aggrieved by any ruling, order, or determination of any state or county
 9 agency charged with the administration of any taxing or licensing measure may
 10 prosecute an appeal to the ~~board~~[~~commission~~] by filing a complaint or petition of
 11 appeal before the ~~board~~[~~commission~~] within thirty (30) days from the date of the
 12 mailing of the agency's ruling, order, or determination.

13 (4) If the Department of Revenue is aggrieved by the decision of any county board of
 14 assessment appeals on an assessment recommended by the department and
 15 prosecutes an appeal to the ~~board~~[~~commission~~] as authorized in subsection (3) of
 16 this section, the commissioner of revenue shall, within twenty (20) days, certify in
 17 writing to the ~~board~~[~~commission~~] the assessment recommended.

18 (5) The ~~board~~[~~commission~~] shall immediately forward copies of the certification to the
 19 parties to the appeal. The assessed value shall be prima facie evidence of the value
 20 at which the property should be assessed.

21 ➔Section 30. KRS 49.230 is amended to read as follows:

22 (1) **The Board of Tax Appeals shall maintain the official record of the appeal**
 23 **including evidence entered into the record at a hearing on the appeal, and the**
 24 **final action taken on each appeal.** All ~~proceedings before the commission shall be~~
 25 ~~officially reported and all~~ records of proceedings shall be public records, except in
 26 cases of appeals of unmined mineral assessments where the records before the
 27 ~~board~~[~~commission~~] include information provided to the Department of Revenue by

1 the taxpayer or its lessees, and were generated at the taxpayer's expense.
2 Furthermore, no recorded or transcribed testimony concerning these records shall be
3 considered a public record. Examples of these records would include, but are not
4 limited to, mineral exploration records; photographs; core data information; maps
5 whether acquired for ownership information, for coal seam thickness, for depletion
6 by mining or otherwise; and/or records calculating production or reserves, leased
7 and/or unleased. Neither records containing confidential information nor testimony
8 concerning same shall be disclosed to parties outside the appeals proceedings. A
9 protective order shall be entered and shall remain in effect during the entire appeals
10 process, including appeals to the courts, and thereafter, preventing the parties, their
11 agents and representatives, except the taxpayer, from disclosing the information.

12 (2) The full ~~board~~~~commission~~ may hear an appeal or assign one (1) of its members or
13 a hearing officer to hear an appeal. The final order in any appeal heard by a single
14 member or a hearing officer shall be made and entered by a majority of the
15 ~~board~~~~commission~~. *In any appeal referred to a hearing officer or one (1)*
16 *member, the hearing officer or member shall tender a recommended order to the*
17 *full board. The final order in any appeal heard by a single member or hearing*
18 *officer shall be made and entered by a majority of the board.*

19 (3) *In cases heard by the full board, the board may request a hearing officer assist*
20 *the board with:*

21 *(a) Hearing discovery issues and disputes prior to a scheduled hearing;*

22 *(b) Receiving evidence on behalf of the board during the prehearing phase in a*
23 *particular case;*

24 *(c) Making interlocutory rulings affecting the competency, relevancy, and*
25 *materiality of the evidence about to be presented and upon motions*
26 *presented during the taking of evidence as will expedite the preparation of*
27 *the case;*

1 (d) Drafting the final order as directed by the board; and

2 (e) Performing any other duties assigned.

3 ➔Section 31. KRS 49.240 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) The final orders of the Board of Tax Appeals~~[commission]~~ shall be binding upon
5 all parties until changed or modified by the courts of this state. If no appeal to the
6 courts is prosecuted, the final order of the board~~[commission]~~ shall constitute a
7 final determination.

8 (2) If the board~~[commission]~~ finds that other issues are necessary to a full
9 determination of the controversy, it may remand the whole proceeding to the agency
10 from which the appeal was prosecuted for further determination. The parties may
11 stipulate to the determination of the other issues without remand.

12 (3) Any changes in ad valorem property tax assessment rolls, tax bills, or the
13 application by any agency of the tax laws of the state shall be in conformity with the
14 board's~~[commission's]~~ final order.

15 (4) In the case of any appeal, any taxes, interest, or penalty paid but found by the
16 board~~[commission]~~ to be in excess of that legally due shall be ordered refunded to
17 the taxpayer.

18 ➔Section 32. KRS 49.250 is amended to read as follows:

19 (1) Any party aggrieved by any final order of the Board of Tax Appeals~~[commission]~~,
20 except on appeals from a county board of assessment appeals, may appeal to the
21 Franklin Circuit Court or to the Circuit Court of the county in which the party
22 aggrieved resides or conducts his place of business in accordance with KRS Chapter
23 13B. Any final orders entered on the rulings of a county board of assessment
24 appeals may be appealed in like manner to the Circuit Court of the county in which
25 the appeal originated.

26 (2) If a judicial appeal or cross-appeal is filed by a taxpayer aggrieved by any final
27 ruling of the board, a state or county agency may move the Circuit Court to

1 require the taxpayer to post a bond or other adequate security for the payment of
 2 any judgment of the court if the agency believes its ability to obtain payment from
 3 the taxpayer of the taxes, penalties and interest in issue is jeopardized by its
 4 inability to proceed with collection due to the filing of the appeal or cross-appeal
 5 by the taxpayer, or if the agency believes that the appeal or cross-appeal is being
 6 brought to delay payment of the taxes, penalties, and interest in issue.

7 (3) If the court determines a bond or other security is necessary to protect the interest
 8 of the state or county, collection may be stayed in the manner directed by the
 9 Rules of Civil Procedure for the filing of a supersedeas bond.

10 (4) To avoid the accruing of additional interest and penalty while an appeal is
 11 pending, a taxpayer appealing an order of the board affirming a tax assessment
 12 may, prior to the filing of the appeal, pay the agency, under protest, the amount
 13 ordered by the board to be paid and seek a refund of taxes, including accrued
 14 interest, at issue in the appeal as provided in KRS 134.580. The taxpayer shall
 15 pay to the agency any tax included in the assessment not contested prior to the
 16 expiration of sixty (60) days after filing the appeal. If the appeal is filed by the
 17 agency, the payment of the uncontested tax shall not bar the taxpayer from
 18 obtaining a reduction, abatement, or refund of any contested tax in the appeal
 19 and shall not result in the taxpayer's appeal or cross-appeal being dismissed or
 20 delayed or judgment.

21 ~~If the appeal is from an order sustaining a tax assessment,~~
 22 ~~collection of the tax shall be stayed by the filing of a petition or an appeal to any~~
 23 ~~court. Full payment of the tax or a supersedeas bond is not required to appeal an~~
 24 ~~order sustaining a tax assessment.]~~

24 ➔ Section 33. KRS 49.260 is amended to read as follows:

25 KRS 49.270 to 49.490 shall apply to the power and authority of the Crime Victims
 26 Compensation Board~~[Kentucky Claims Commission's power and authority]~~ outlined in
 27 KRS 49.020(3).

1 ➔Section 34. KRS 49.290 is amended to read as follows:

2 (1) "Victim" shall also include nonresidents of this state who suffer losses as a direct
3 result of criminal acts occurring within this state.

4 (2) This section shall be operative only during those time periods during which the
5 **Crime Victims Compensation Board**~~[commission]~~ determines that federal funds
6 are available to the state for the compensation of victims of crime.

7 ➔Section 35. KRS 49.300 is amended to read as follows:

8 In addition to the powers and authority outlined in KRS 49.020, the **Crime Victims**
9 **Compensation Board**~~[commission]~~ shall have the following powers and duties:

10 (1) To promulgate, amend, and repeal suitable administrative regulations to carry out
11 the provisions and purposes of KRS 49.270 to 49.490, including administrative
12 regulations for the approval of attorney's fees for representation before the
13 **board**~~[commission]~~ or upon judicial review;

14 (2) To hear and determine all matters relating to claims for compensation, and the
15 power to reinvestigate or reopen claims without regard to statutes of limitations;

16 (3) To request from prosecuting attorneys and law enforcement officers investigations
17 and data to enable the **board**~~[commission]~~ to determine whether, and the extent to
18 which, a claimant qualifies for compensation. The statute providing confidentiality
19 for juvenile session of District Court records does not apply to proceedings under
20 KRS 49.270 to 49.490;

21 (4) To hold hearings in accordance with the provisions of KRS Chapter 13B. The
22 powers provided in this subsection may be delegated by the **board**~~[commission]~~ to
23 any member **of the board**~~[or employee thereof]~~. If necessary to carry out any of its
24 powers and duties, the **board**~~[commission]~~ may petition any Circuit Court for an
25 order;

26 (5) Upon the filing of an application by a claimant, to negotiate binding fee settlements
27 with the providers of services to claimants that may be eligible for an award under

1 KRS 49.370(3);

2 (6) To make available for public inspection all ~~board~~~~commission~~ decisions and
3 opinions, administrative regulations, written statements of policy, and
4 interpretations formulated, promulgated, or used by it in discharging its functions;

5 (7) To publicize widely the availability of reparations and information regarding the
6 claims therefor; and

7 (8) To make an annual report, by January 1 of each year, of its activities for the
8 preceding fiscal year to the Office of the State Budget Director and to the Interim
9 Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue. Each such report shall set forth a
10 complete operating and financial statement covering its operations during the year.

11 ➔Section 36. KRS 49.310 is amended to read as follows:

12 (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, the following persons
13 shall be eligible for awards pursuant to KRS 49.270 to 49.490:

14 (a) A victim of criminally injurious conduct;

15 (b) A surviving spouse, parent, or child of a victim of criminally injurious
16 conduct who died as a direct result of such conduct;

17 (c) Any other person dependent for his principal support upon a victim of
18 criminally injurious conduct who died as a direct result of such crime; and

19 (d) Any person who is legally responsible for the medical expenses or funeral
20 expenses of a victim.

21 (2) No victim or dependent shall be denied compensation solely because he is a relative
22 of the offender or was living with the offender as a family or household member at
23 the time of the injury or death. However, the Crime Victims Compensation
24 Board~~commission~~ may award compensation to a victim or dependent who is a
25 relative, family, or household member of the offender only if the
26 ~~board~~~~commission~~ can reasonably determine the offender will not receive
27 significant economic benefit or unjust enrichment from the compensation.

1 (3) No compensation of any kind shall be awarded when injury occurred while the
2 victim was confined in any state, county, urban-county, or city jail, prison, or other
3 correctional facility, or any state institution maintained and operated by the Cabinet
4 for Health and Family Services.

5 ➔Section 37. KRS 49.330 is amended to read as follows:

6 (1) A claim form may be filed by a person eligible to receive an award, as provided in
7 KRS 49.310 or, if such person is a minor, by his parent or guardian.

8 (2) A claim form must be filed by the claimant not later than five (5) years after the
9 occurrence of the criminally injurious conduct upon which such claim is based, or
10 not later than five (5) years after the death of the victim; provided, however, that
11 upon good cause shown, the *Crime Victims Compensation Board*~~[commission]~~
12 may extend the time for filing if, in a particular case, the interest of justice so
13 requires.

14 (3) Claims shall be filed *with the board*~~[in the office of the commission in person or by~~
15 ~~mail]~~ in accordance with the administrative regulations promulgated by the
16 *board*~~[commission]. [Only printed claim forms supplied by the commission shall be~~
17 ~~accepted.]~~ The *board*~~[commission]~~ shall accept for filing all claims submitted by
18 persons eligible under subsection (1) of this section and alleging the jurisdiction
19 requirements set forth in KRS 49.270 to 49.490 and meeting the requirements as to
20 form in the rules and regulations of the *board*~~[commission].~~

21 (4) Upon filing of a claim pursuant to KRS 49.270 to 49.490, the *board*~~[commission]~~
22 shall promptly notify the United States attorney (if a federal offense is involved),
23 the Commonwealth's attorney or county attorney of the county wherein the crime is
24 alleged to have occurred. If, within ten (10) days after such notification, such United
25 States attorney, Commonwealth's attorney, or county attorney advises the
26 *board*~~[commission]~~ that a criminal prosecution is pending upon the same alleged
27 crime and requests that action by the *board*~~[commission]~~ be deferred, the

1 **board**~~[commission]~~ shall defer all proceedings under KRS 49.270 to 49.490 until
2 such time as such criminal prosecution has been concluded and shall so notify such
3 United States attorney, Commonwealth's or county attorney, and the claimant.
4 When such criminal prosecution has been concluded such United States attorney,
5 Commonwealth's or county attorney shall promptly so notify the
6 **board**~~[commission]~~. Nothing in this section shall limit the authority of the
7 **board**~~[commission]~~ to grant emergency awards pursuant to KRS 49.360.

8 ➔Section 38. KRS 49.340 is amended to read as follows:

- 9 (1) A claim, when accepted for filing, shall be assigned by the executive director of the
10 **Office of Claims and Appeals**~~[commission]~~ to an investigator for investigation. All
11 claims arising from the death of an individual as a direct result of a crime shall be
12 considered together.
- 13 (2) The investigator to whom such claim is assigned shall examine the papers filed in
14 support of the claim and the validity of the claim. The investigation shall include
15 but not be limited to an examination of police, court, and official records and
16 reports concerning the crime.
- 17 (3) If the mental, physical, or emotional condition of a victim or claimant is material to
18 a claim, the **board**~~[commission]~~ may order the victim or claimant to submit to a
19 mental or physical examination by a physician or psychiatrist, and may order an
20 autopsy of a deceased victim. A report upon an examination shall be filed with the
21 investigator setting out findings, including results of all tests made, diagnosis,
22 prognosis, and other conclusions.
- 23 (4) For purposes of KRS 49.270 to 49.490, there is no privilege, except privileges
24 arising from the attorney-client relationship, as to communications or records
25 relevant to an issue of the physical, mental, or emotional condition of the claimant
26 or victim in a proceeding under KRS 49.270 to 49.490 in which that condition is an
27 element.

- 1 (5) Claims shall be investigated and determined, regardless of whether the alleged
2 criminal has been apprehended or prosecuted for or convicted of any crime based
3 upon the same incident, or has been acquitted, or found not guilty of the crime in
4 question owing to criminal irresponsibility or other legal exemption.
- 5 (6) Upon completion of the investigator's report, the claim shall be assigned to a
6 ~~board~~~~commission~~ member. The board member~~who~~ may decide the claim in
7 favor of a claimant in the amount claimed on the basis of the papers filed in support
8 thereof and the report of the investigation of the claim within thirty (30) days of the
9 assignment of the claim. If the ~~board~~~~commission~~ member is unable to decide the
10 claim upon the basis of the ~~documents~~~~papers~~ and the report, a hearing shall be
11 ordered~~he shall order a hearing~~.
- 12 (7) The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B and may be
13 held at any location within the Commonwealth, with a view to securing
14 opportunity for crime victims to appear before it with as little inconvenience and
15 expense as practicable. When any member of the board is attending hearings at
16 any place other than Frankfort, Kentucky, expenses necessarily incurred in the
17 performance of such duty shall be paid by the state upon certification by the
18 executive director of the Office of Claims and Appeals of an itemized statement of
19 such expenses in accordance with Finance and Administration Cabinet
20 administrative regulations.
- 21 ~~(8)~~~~(7)~~ After examining the papers filed in support of the claim and the report of
22 investigation, and after a hearing, if any, the ~~board~~~~commission~~ member to whom
23 the claim was assigned shall issue a recommended order either granting an award
24 pursuant to KRS 49.370 or denying~~deny~~ the claim. The ~~board~~~~commission~~ shall
25 review the recommended order and any exceptions filed to it, and shall by majority
26 vote issue a final order.
- 27 (9)~~(8)~~ A final order of the ~~board~~~~commission~~ may be appealed by filing a petition

1 for judicial review in the county where the claim accrued or in Franklin Circuit
2 Court in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B.

3 ➔Section 39. KRS 49.350 is amended to read as follows:

4 Following the initial filing of a claim, if a claimant or victim does not take such further
5 steps as may be necessary to support or perfect the claim as may be required by the **Crime**
6 **Victims Compensation Board**~~[commission]~~ within thirty (30) days after such
7 requirement is made by the **board**~~[commission]~~, the claimant or victim shall be deemed
8 in default. In such case the **board**~~[commission]~~ shall summarily deny the claim and the
9 claimant or victim shall be forever barred from reasserting the claim. The
10 **board**~~[commission]~~ may **reconsider the claim**~~[remit such proceedings]~~ on good cause
11 shown that the failure to take the steps required by the **board**~~[commission]~~ was totally
12 and completely beyond the control of the claimant or victim.

13 ➔Section 40. KRS 49.360 is amended to read as follows:

14 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of KRS 49.340, if it appears to the **Crime Victims**
15 **Compensation Board**~~[commission]~~ member to whom a claim is assigned, prior to
16 taking action upon such claim that:

- 17 (a) Such claim is one with respect to which an award probably will be made; and
18 (b) Undue hardship will result to the claimant if immediate payment is not made;
19 emergency payment under subsection (2) of this section may be made.

20 (2) Upon such findings under subsection (1) of this section, the **board**~~[commission]~~
21 member may make an emergency award to the claimant pending a final decision in
22 the case provided that:

- 23 (a) The amount of such emergency award shall not exceed five hundred dollars
24 (\$500);
25 (b) The amount of such emergency award shall be deducted from any final award
26 made to the claimant; and
27 (c) The excess of the amount of such emergency award over the amount of the

1 final award, or the full amount of the emergency award if no final award is
2 made, shall be repaid by the claimant to the board~~[commission]~~.

3 ➔Section 41. KRS 49.370 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) No award shall be made unless the Crime Victims Compensation
5 Board~~[commission]~~ or board~~[commission]~~ member, as the case may be, finds that:
6 (a) Criminally injurious conduct occurred;
7 (b) Such criminally injurious conduct resulted in personal physical or
8 psychological injury to, or death of, the victim; and
9 (c) Police or court records show that such crime was promptly reported to the
10 proper authorities; and in no case may an award be made where the police or
11 court records show that such report was made more than forty-eight (48) hours
12 after the occurrence of such crime unless the board~~[commission]~~, for good
13 cause shown, finds the delay to have been justified.
- 14 (2) Except for claims related to sexual assault, human trafficking, and domestic
15 violence, the board~~[commission]~~ upon finding that the claimant or victim has not
16 fully cooperated with appropriate law enforcement agencies shall deny, reconsider,
17 or reduce an award.
- 18 (3) Any award made pursuant to KRS 49.270 to 49.490 shall be in an amount not
19 exceeding out-of-pocket expenses, including indebtedness reasonably incurred for
20 medical or other services, including mental health counseling, necessary as a result
21 of the injury upon which the claim is based, together with loss of earnings or
22 support resulting from such injury. Mental health counseling shall be paid for a
23 maximum of two (2) years, but only after proper documentation is submitted to the
24 board~~[commission]~~ stating what treatment is planned and for what period of time.
25 The board~~[commission]~~ shall have the power to discontinue payment of mental
26 health counseling at any time within the two (2) year period. Replacement of
27 eyeglasses and other corrective lenses shall be included in an award, provided they

1 were stolen, destroyed, or damaged during the crime.

2 (4) Any award made for loss of earnings or financial support may be considered for a
3 claimant who has loss of support or wages due to the crime for which the claim is
4 filed. Unless reduced pursuant to other provisions of KRS 49.270 to 49.490, the
5 award shall be equal to net earnings at the time of the criminally injurious conduct;
6 however, no such award shall exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) for each week
7 of lost earnings or financial support. The wage earner or source of support must
8 have been employed or paying support at the time the crime occurred. Said
9 employment or support shall be verified by the staff of the **board**~~[commission]~~ after
10 information is provided by the claimant or victim. Should the claimant or victim fail
11 to supply the **board**~~[commission]~~ with the information requested, the portion of the
12 claim for lost wages or support shall be denied. If there are two (2) or more persons
13 entitled to an award as a result of the injury or death of a person which is the direct
14 result of criminally injurious conduct, the award shall be apportioned by the
15 **board**~~[commission]~~ among the claimants.

16 (5) The **board**~~[commission]~~ is authorized to set a reasonable limit for the payment of
17 funeral and burial expenses which shall include funeral costs, a monument, and
18 grave plot. In no event shall an award for funeral expenses exceed five thousand
19 dollars (\$5,000).

20 (6) Any award made under KRS 49.270 to 49.490 shall not exceed twenty-five
21 thousand dollars (\$25,000) in total compensation to be received by or paid on behalf
22 of a claimant from the fund.

23 (7) No award shall be made for any type of property loss or damage, except as
24 otherwise permitted in KRS 49.270 to 49.490.

25 ➔Section 42. KRS 49.380 is amended to read as follows:

26 (1) Upon the filing of an application for a claim with the **Crime Victims Compensation**
27 **Board**~~[commission]~~, all debt collection actions by a creditor or the creditor's agent,

1 against the claimant for a debt or expense covered under KRS 49.370(3) and related
2 to the substance of the claim shall cease pending a resolution of the claim by the
3 ~~board~~~~[commission]~~, if the claimant:

4 (a) Provides written notice to the creditor or creditor's agent that a claim has been
5 submitted to the ~~board~~~~[commission]~~; and

6 (b) Authorizes the creditor or creditor's agent to confirm with the
7 ~~board~~~~[commission]~~ the claimant's application with the ~~board~~~~[commission]~~
8 and that the debt or expense upon which the collection action is based may be
9 covered under KRS 49.370(3).

10 (2) The ~~board~~~~[commission]~~ shall, upon the written request of a creditor or creditor's
11 agent, notify the creditor or creditor's agent when a claim has been resolved.

12 ➔Section 43. KRS 49.390 is amended to read as follows:

13 (1) Any award made pursuant to KRS 49.270 to 49.490 shall be reduced by the amount
14 of any payments received or to be received by the claimant as a result of the injury
15 from the following sources:

16 (a) From or on behalf of the person who committed the crime;

17 (b) Under insurance programs mandated by law;

18 (c) From public funds;

19 (d) Under any contract of insurance wherein the claimant is the insured or
20 beneficiary;

21 (e) As an emergency award pursuant to KRS 49.360; and

22 (f) From donations made on behalf of the victim or claimant toward expenses
23 incurred as a result of the crime.

24 (2) In determining the amount of an award, the Crime Victims Compensation
25 ~~Board~~~~[commission]~~ or ~~board~~~~[commission]~~ member shall determine whether,
26 because of his or her conduct, the claimant or the victim of such crime contributed
27 to the infliction of the victim's injury, and shall reduce the amount of the award or

1 reject the claim altogether, in accordance with such determination; however, the
2 **board**~~[commission]~~ or **board**~~[commission]~~ member may disregard for this purpose
3 the responsibility of the claimant or the victim for the victim's injury where the
4 record shows that such responsibility was attributable to efforts by the claimant or
5 victim to prevent a crime or an attempted crime from occurrence in his or her
6 presence or to apprehend a person who had committed a crime in his or her
7 presence or had in fact committed a felony. The **board**~~[commission]~~ or **board**
8 **member**~~[commission-members]~~ may request that either the county attorney or
9 Commonwealth's attorney or both state whether in their opinion, the victim suffered
10 injuries as the result of a crime and has cooperated with the prosecution and law
11 enforcement authorities. The **board**~~[commission]~~ or **board**~~[commission]~~ member
12 shall not be bound by such opinions and recommendations and if needed may order
13 a further investigation of the claim.

14 (3) The **board**~~[commission]~~ or **board**~~[commission]~~ member may consider whether the
15 victim's injuries were the ordinary and foreseeable result of unlawful and criminal
16 activities in determining the claimant's eligibility for an award. If the
17 **board**~~[commission]~~ or **board**~~[commission]~~ member finds that the claimant will not
18 suffer serious financial hardship if not granted financial assistance pursuant to KRS
19 49.270 to 49.490, the **board**~~[commission]~~ or **board**~~[commission]~~ member shall deny
20 an award. In determining such serious financial hardship, the **board**~~[commission]~~ or
21 **board**~~[commission]~~ member shall consider all of the financial resources of the
22 claimant. The **board**~~[commission]~~ shall establish specific standards by rule for
23 determining such serious financial hardships.

24 ➔Section 44. KRS 49.400 is amended to read as follows:

25 Any person who procures or attempts to procure compensation with the **Crime Victims**
26 **Compensation Board**~~[commission]~~ by filing false information shall have the claim
27 denied and be forever barred from filing a claim with this **board**~~[commission]~~.

1 ➔Section 45. KRS 49.410 is amended to read as follows:

2 (1) The award shall be paid in a lump sum, except that in the case of death or protracted
3 disability the award shall provide for periodic payments to compensate for loss of
4 earnings or support. No award made pursuant to KRS 49.270 to 49.490 shall be
5 subject to execution or attachment other than for expenses resulting from the injury
6 which is the basis for the claim.

7 (2) The **Crime Victims Compensation Board**~~[commission]~~ shall reconsider at least
8 annually every award being paid in installments. An order or reconsideration of an
9 award shall not require refund of amounts previously paid unless the award was
10 obtained by fraud.

11 ➔Section 46. KRS 49.420 is amended to read as follows:

12 (1) The **Crime Victims Compensation Board**~~[commission]~~ may award a lump-sum
13 payment not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to the family of a
14 police officer employed by a city, county, or urban-county government who is killed
15 in the line of duty as a police officer for such city, county, or urban-county and who
16 is not eligible to receive death or disability benefits under a pension plan of the city,
17 county, or urban-county.

18 (2) This section shall apply to any officer killed in the line of duty since January 1,
19 1986.

20 ➔Section 47. KRS 49.430 is amended to read as follows:

21 The **Crime Victims Compensation Board**~~[commission]~~ may apply for funds from, and
22 submit all necessary forms to, any federal agency participating in a cooperative program
23 to compensate victims of crime.

24 ➔Section 48. KRS 49.440 is amended to read as follows:

25 **The Crime Victims Compensation Board shall maintain the official record of the**
26 **claim, including evidence entered into the record at a hearing on the claim, and the**
27 **final action taken on each claim. All records of proceedings shall be public**

1 ~~**records**~~[The record of a proceeding before the commission or a commission member
2 shall be a public record]; provided, however, that any record or report obtained by the
3 ~~**board**~~[commission], the confidentiality of which is protected by any other law or
4 regulation, shall remain confidential subject to such law or regulation.

5 ➔Section 49. KRS 49.450 is amended to read as follows:

6 (1) Every person contracting with any person or the representative or assignee of any
7 person accused or convicted of a crime in this state, with respect to the reenactment
8 of such crime, by way of a movie, book, magazine article, radio, or television
9 presentation, live entertainment of any kind, or from the expression of such person's
10 thoughts, feelings, opinions, or emotions regarding such crime, shall pay over to the
11 ~~***Crime Victims Compensation Board***~~[commission] any moneys which would
12 otherwise, by terms of such contract, be owing to the person so accused or
13 convicted or his representatives.

14 (2) After deducting all sums paid to the victim by the ~~**board**~~[commission], the
15 ~~**board**~~[commission] shall deposit such moneys in its accounts for the benefit of and
16 payable to any victim of crimes committed by such person, provided that such
17 person is eventually convicted of the crime and provided further that such victim,
18 within five (5) years of the date of the crime, brings a civil action in a court of
19 competent jurisdiction and recovers a money judgment against such person or his
20 representatives.

21 (3) Upon disposition of charges favorable to any person accused of committing a crime,
22 or upon a showing by such person that five (5) years have elapsed from the
23 ~~**board's**~~[commission's] receipt of such funds and that such person has not been
24 convicted of said crime and further that no actions are pending against such person
25 in connection with the crime or pursuant to this section, the ~~**board**~~[commission]
26 shall immediately pay over any such moneys to such person.

27 (4) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of the civil practice law and rules with

1 respect to the timely bringing of an action, the five (5) year period provided for in
2 subsection (2) of this section shall not begin to run until the **board**~~[commission]~~ has
3 received such moneys.

4 (5) Any action taken by any person convicted of a crime, whether by way of execution
5 of a power of attorney, creation of corporate entities, or otherwise, to defeat the
6 purpose of this section shall be null and void as against the public policy of this
7 state.

8 (6) The failure of a person to pay moneys to the **board**~~[commission]~~ in accordance with
9 subsection (1) shall create a debt due and owing to the **board**~~[commission]~~ from
10 that person and shall constitute a preferential lien to the state which may be
11 collected by the **board**~~[commission]~~ by civil process.

12 ➔Section 50. KRS 49.460 is amended to read as follows:

13 (1) No right of action at law against a person who has committed a criminal act for
14 damages as a consequence of such act shall be lost as a consequence of receiving
15 benefits under the provisions of KRS 49.270 to 49.490. In the event any person
16 receiving benefits under KRS 49.270 to 49.490 additionally seeks a remedy for
17 damages from the person or persons who have committed the criminal act resulting
18 in damages, then and in that event the **Crime Victims Compensation**
19 **Board**~~[commission]~~ shall be subrogated to and have a lien upon any recovery so
20 made to the extent of the payments made by the state to or on behalf of such person
21 under KRS 49.270 to 49.490.

22 (2) If compensation is awarded, the state is subrogated to all the claimant's rights to
23 receive or recover benefits or advantages, for economic loss for which and to the
24 extent only that compensation is awarded from a source which is, or, if readily
25 available to the victim or claimant would be, a collateral source.

26 ➔Section 51. KRS 49.480 is amended to read as follows:

27 (1) There is established in the State Treasury the crime victims' compensation fund,

1 hereinafter referred to as the "fund," to be administered by the *Crime Victims*
2 *Compensation Board*~~[commission]~~. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit the
3 power of the court to order additional forms of restitution including public or
4 charitable work or reparation to the victim, to the fund, or otherwise as authorized
5 by law.

6 (2) The fund shall consist of moneys from the following: appropriations by the General
7 Assembly; the federal government; disbursements provided under KRS
8 42.320(2)(g); and any other public or private source. Any unexpended balance
9 remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not lapse and be transferred
10 to the general fund, but shall remain in the crime victims' compensation fund. Any
11 funds not utilized by the *board*~~[commission]~~ shall be used to provide assistance to
12 programs for victims and the *board*~~[commission]~~ shall allocate such funds to any
13 agency providing services to victims. In the event there are insufficient funds in the
14 fund to pay all claims in full, all claims shall be paid at seventy percent (70%). If
15 there are no moneys in the fund, then no claim shall be paid until moneys have
16 again accumulated. In addition to payment of claims, moneys in the fund shall be
17 used to pay all the necessary and proper expenses of the *board*~~[commission]~~.

18 ➔Section 52. KRS 49.490 is amended to read as follows:

19 (1) There is established in the State Treasury the sexual assault victim assistance fund
20 to be administered by the *Crime Victims Compensation Board*~~[commission]~~ for the
21 purpose of funding medical examinations for victims of sexual assault as provided
22 in subsection (4) of this section and in KRS 216B.400. All moneys deposited or
23 paid into the sexual assault victim assistance fund are appropriated and shall be
24 available to the *board*~~[commission]~~. Funds shall be disbursed by the State Treasurer
25 upon the warrant of the *board*~~[commission]~~.

26 (2) The sexual assault victim assistance fund may receive state general fund
27 appropriations, gifts, grants, federal funds, or other public or private funds or

1 donations. Any federal matching funds received by the board~~commission~~ or the
2 crime victims' compensation fund for sexual assault victim assistance payments
3 shall be deposited into the sexual assault victim assistance fund.

4 (3) Any unencumbered or unallocated balances in the sexual assault victim assistance
5 fund shall be invested as provided in KRS 42.500(9). Any income earned from
6 investment, along with the unallocated or unencumbered balances in the fund, shall
7 not lapse and shall be deemed a trust and agency account available solely for the
8 purposes specified in subsection (1) of this section.

9 (4) (a) For purposes of this section, a children's advocacy center is a center as defined
10 in KRS 620.020 that operates consistent with administrative regulations
11 promulgated by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

12 (b) Upon receipt of a completed original claim form supplied by the
13 board~~commission~~ and itemized bill for a child sexual abuse medical
14 examination performed at a children's advocacy center, the
15 board~~commission~~ shall reimburse the children's advocacy center for actual
16 costs up to but not exceeding the amount of reimbursement established
17 through administrative regulation promulgated by the Department for
18 Medicaid Services.

19 (c) Independent investigation by the board~~commission~~ shall not be required for
20 payment of claims under this section; however, the board~~commission~~ may
21 require additional documentation as proof that the medical examination was
22 performed.

23 (5) If sexual assault victim assistance funds are insufficient to pay claims under
24 subsection (4) of this section or KRS 216B.400, payment shall be made from the
25 crime victims' compensation fund.

26 ➔Section 53. KRS 49.990 is amended to read as follows:

27 Any person who fails or refuses to obey a subpoena or order of the Board of Tax

1 **Appeals, the Crime Victims Compensation Board, or the Board of Claims**~~[commission]~~
 2 made pursuant to KRS Chapter 13B shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25)
 3 nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500).

4 ➔Section 54. KRS 62.160 is amended to read as follows:

5 (1) The state officers elected by the voters of the state at large, except the Governor and
 6 the Lieutenant Governor, the heads of departments, offices, and cabinets of the state
 7 government, the adjutant general, the members of the Public Service Commission,
 8 the members of the State Fair Board and Fish and Wildlife Resources Commission,
 9 and the members of the **Board of Tax Appeals, Board of Claims, and Crime**
 10 **Victims Compensation Board**~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ and the Alcoholic
 11 Beverage Control Board, shall each give bond. The amounts of the bonds shall be
 12 fixed by the Governor, which amounts as to those offices set forth in subsection (2)
 13 of this section shall be not less than the amounts set forth for the respective offices.
 14 At any time when it appears to be to the interest of the Commonwealth, the
 15 Governor may increase the penal sum of any bond or require a renewal of the bond
 16 with other or additional surety.

17 (2) The minimum sum of the bond for the following offices shall be as follows:

18	Secretary of State	\$10,000
19	Attorney General	10,000
20	State Treasurer	300,000
21	Secretary for economic development	10,000
22	Commissioner of Agriculture	10,000
23	Secretary for education	10,000
24	Auditor of Public Accounts	25,000
25	Adjutant general	10,000
26	Secretary of finance and administration	100,000
27	Commissioner of revenue	50,000

1	Secretary of transportation	50,000
2	Commissioner of highways	50,000
3	Secretary of justice and public safety	50,000
4	Secretary of corrections	25,000
5	Commissioner for public health services	10,000
6	Secretary of labor	5,000
7	Commissioner for natural resources	50,000
8	State librarian	5,000
9	Commissioner of alcoholic beverage control	10,000
10	Commissioner of financial institutions	25,000
11	Secretary for energy and environment	50,000
12	Commissioner of insurance	50,000
13	Commissioner of vehicle regulation	10,000
14	Commissioner of fish and wildlife resources	5,000
15	Secretary for health and family services	20,000
16	Commissioner of environmental protection	10,000
17	Secretary of public protection	10,000
18	Secretary of tourism, arts and heritage	25,000
19	Commissioner for community based services	20,000
20	Member of the Public Service Commission	10,000
21	Member of State Fair Board	10,000
22	Member of Fish and Wildlife Resources Commission	1,000
23	Member of <u>Board of Tax Appeals</u> [Kentucky Claims Commission].....	10,000
24	<u>Member of Board of Claims</u>	<u>10,000</u>
25	<u>Member of Crime Victims Compensation Board</u>	<u>10,000</u>
26	Associate member of Alcoholic Beverage Control Board	5,000
27	Commissioner of local government	100,000

1 ➔Section 55. KRS 131.081 is amended to read as follows:

2 The following rules, principles, or requirements shall apply in the administration of all
3 taxes subject to the jurisdiction of the Department of Revenue.

4 (1) The department shall develop and implement a Kentucky tax education and
5 information program directed at new taxpayers, taxpayer and industry groups, and
6 department employees to enhance the understanding of and compliance with
7 Kentucky tax laws, including the application of new tax legislation to taxpayer
8 activities and areas of recurrent taxpayer noncompliance or inconsistency of
9 administration.

10 (2) The department shall publish brief statements in simple and nontechnical language
11 which explain procedures, remedies, and the rights and obligations of taxpayers and
12 the department. These statements shall be provided to taxpayers with the initial
13 notice of audit; each original notice of tax due; each denial or reduction of a refund
14 or credit claimed by a taxpayer; each denial, cancellation, or revocation of any
15 license, permit, or other required authorization applied for or held by a taxpayer;
16 and, if practical and appropriate, in informational publications by the department
17 distributed to the public.

18 (3) Taxpayers shall have the right to be assisted or represented by an attorney,
19 accountant, or other person in any conference, hearing, or other matter before the
20 department. The taxpayer shall be informed of this right prior to conduct of any
21 conference or hearing.

22 (4) The department shall perform audits and conduct conferences and hearings only at
23 reasonable times and places.

24 (5) Taxpayers shall have the right to make audio recordings of any conference with or
25 hearing by the department. The department may make similar audio recordings if
26 prior written notice is given to the taxpayer or if the taxpayer records the conference
27 or hearing. The taxpayer shall be entitled to a copy of this department recording or a

1 transcript as provided in KRS 61.874.

2 (6) If any taxpayer's failure to submit a timely return or payment to the department is
3 due to the taxpayer's reasonable reliance on written advice from the department, the
4 taxpayer shall be relieved of any penalty or interest with respect thereto, provided
5 the taxpayer requested the advice in writing from the department and the specific
6 facts and circumstances of the activity or transaction were fully described in the
7 taxpayer's request, the department did not subsequently rescind or modify the advice
8 in writing, and there were no subsequent changes in applicable laws or regulations
9 or a final decision of a court which rendered the department's earlier written advice
10 no longer valid.

11 (7) Taxpayers shall have the right to receive a copy of any audit of the department by
12 the Auditor of Public Accounts relating to the department's compliance with the
13 provisions of KRS 131.041 to 131.081.

14 (8) The department shall include with each notice of tax due a clear and concise
15 description of the basis and amount of any tax, penalty, and interest assessed against
16 the taxpayer, and copies of the agent's audit workpapers and the agent's written
17 narrative setting forth the grounds upon which the assessment is made. Taxpayers
18 shall be similarly notified regarding the denial or reduction of any refund or credit
19 claim filed by a taxpayer.

20 (9) (a) Taxpayers shall have the right to an installment payment agreement for the
21 payment of delinquent taxes, penalties, and interest owed, provided the
22 taxpayer requests the agreement in writing clearly demonstrating:

- 23 1. His or her inability to pay in full; and
- 24 2. That the agreement will facilitate collection by the department of the
25 amounts owed.

26 (b) The department may modify or terminate an installment payment agreement
27 and may pursue statutory remedies against the taxpayer if it determines that:

- 1 1. The taxpayer has not complied with the terms of the agreement,
2 including minimum payment requirements established by the agreement;
 - 3 2. The taxpayers' financial condition has sufficiently changed;
 - 4 3. The taxpayer fails to provide any requested financial condition update
5 information;
 - 6 4. The taxpayer gave false or misleading information in securing the
7 agreement; or
 - 8 5. The taxpayer fails to timely report and pay any other tax due the
9 Commonwealth.
- 10 (c) The department shall give written notice to the taxpayer at least thirty (30)
11 days prior to modifying or terminating an installment payment agreement
12 unless the department has reason to believe that collection of the amounts
13 owed will be jeopardized in whole or in part by delay.
- 14 (10) The department shall not knowingly authorize, require, or conduct any investigation
15 or surveillance of any person for nontax administration related purposes, except
16 internal security related investigations involving Department of Revenue personnel.
- 17 (11) In addition to the circumstances under which an extension of time for filing reports
18 or returns may be granted pursuant to KRS 131.170, taxpayers shall be entitled to
19 the same extension of the due date of any comparable Kentucky tax report or return
20 for which the taxpayer has secured a written extension from the Internal Revenue
21 Service provided the taxpayer notifies the department in writing and provides a
22 copy of the extension at the time and in the manner which the department may
23 require.
- 24 (12) The department shall bear the cost or, if paid by the taxpayer, reimburse the
25 taxpayer for recording or bank charges as the direct result of any erroneous lien or
26 levy by the department, provided the erroneous lien or levy was caused by
27 department error and, prior to issuance of the erroneous lien or levy, the taxpayer

1 timely responded to all contacts by the department and provided information or
2 documentation sufficient to establish his or her position. When the department
3 releases any erroneous lien or levy, notice of the fact shall be mailed to the taxpayer
4 and, if requested by the taxpayer, a copy of the release, together with an
5 explanation, shall be mailed to the major credit reporting companies located in the
6 county where it was filed.

7 (13) (a) The department shall not evaluate individual officers or employees on the
8 basis of taxes assessed or collected or impose or suggest tax assessment or
9 collection quotas or goals.

10 (b) No arrangement or contract shall be entered into for the service to:

- 11 1. Examine a taxpayer's books and records;
- 12 2. Collect a tax from a taxpayer; or
- 13 3. Provide legal representation of the department;

14 if any part of the compensation or other benefits paid or payable for the
15 service is contingent upon or otherwise related to the amount of tax, interest,
16 fee, or penalty assessed against or collected from the taxpayer. Any such
17 arrangement or contract shall be void and unenforceable.

18 (14) Taxpayers shall have the right to bring an action for damages against the
19 Commonwealth to the **Board of Tax Appeals**~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ for
20 actual and direct monetary damages sustained by the taxpayer as a result of willful,
21 reckless, or intentional disregard by department employees of the rights of taxpayers
22 as set out in KRS 131.041 to 131.081 or in the tax laws administered by the
23 department. In the awarding of damages pursuant to this subsection, the
24 commission shall take into consideration the negligence or omissions, if any, on the
25 part of the taxpayer which contributed to the damages. If any proceeding brought by
26 a taxpayer is ruled frivolous by the **Board of Tax Appeals**~~[commission]~~, the
27 department shall be reimbursed by the taxpayer for its costs in defending the action.

1 Any claims brought pursuant to this subsection shall be in accordance with KRS
2 49.040 to 49.180.

3 (15) Taxpayers shall have the right to privacy with regard to the information provided on
4 their Kentucky tax returns and reports, including any attached information or
5 documents. Except as provided in KRS 131.190, no information pertaining to the
6 returns, reports, or the affairs of a person's business shall be divulged by the
7 department to any person or be intentionally and without authorization inspected by
8 any present or former commissioner or employee of the Department of Revenue,
9 member of a county board of assessment appeals, property valuation administrator
10 or employee, or any other person.

11 ➔Section 56. KRS 131.110 is amended to read as follows:

12 (1) (a) The Department of Revenue shall mail to the taxpayer a notice of any tax
13 assessed by it. The assessment shall be due and payable if not protested in
14 writing to the department within:

- 15 1. Forty-five (45) days from the date of notice, for assessments issued prior
16 to July 1, 2018; and
17 2. Sixty (60) days from the date of notice, for assessments issued on or
18 after July 1, 2018.

19 (b) Claims for refund of paid assessments may be made under KRS 134.580 and
20 denials appealed under KRS 49.220.

21 (c) 1. The protest shall be accompanied by a supporting statement setting forth
22 the grounds upon which the protest is made.

23 2. Upon written request, the department may extend the time for filing the
24 supporting statement if it appears the delay is necessary and
25 unavoidable.

26 3. The refusal of the extension may be reviewed in the same manner as a
27 protested assessment.

- 1 (2) After a timely protest has been filed, the taxpayer may request a conference with the
2 department. The request shall be granted in writing stating the date and time set for
3 the conference. The taxpayer may appear in person or by representative. Further
4 conferences may be held by mutual agreement.
- 5 (3) After considering the taxpayer's protest, including any matters presented at the final
6 conference, the department shall issue a final ruling on any matter still in
7 controversy, which shall be mailed to the taxpayer. The ruling shall state that it is a
8 final ruling of the department, generally state the issues in controversy, the
9 department's position thereon and set forth the procedure for prosecuting an appeal
10 to the **Board of Tax Appeals**~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~.
- 11 (4) The taxpayer may request in writing a final ruling at any time after filing a timely
12 protest and supporting statement. When a final ruling is requested, the department
13 shall issue such ruling within thirty (30) days from the date the request is received
14 by the department.
- 15 (5) After a final ruling has been issued, the taxpayer may appeal to the **Board of Tax**
16 **Appeals**~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ pursuant to the provisions of KRS 49.220.
17 ➔Section 57. KRS 131.180 is amended to read as follows:
- 18 The provisions of this section shall be known as the "Uniform Civil Penalty Act."
19 Penalties to be assessed in accordance with this section shall apply as follows unless
20 otherwise provided by law:
- 21 (1) Any taxpayer who files any return or report after the due date prescribed for filing
22 or the due date as extended by the department shall, unless it is shown to the
23 satisfaction of the department that the failure is due to reasonable cause, pay a
24 penalty equal to two percent (2%) of the total tax due for each thirty (30) days or
25 fraction thereof that the report or return is late. The total penalty levied pursuant to
26 this subsection shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the total tax due; however,
27 the penalty shall not be less than ten dollars (\$10).

- 1 (2) Any taxpayer who fails to withhold or collect any tax as required by law, fails to
2 pay the tax computed due on a return or report on or before the due date prescribed
3 for it or the due date as extended by the department or, excluding underpayments
4 determined under KRS 141.044 or 141.305, fails to have timely paid at least
5 seventy-five percent (75%) of the tax determined due by the department shall,
6 unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the department that the failure is due to
7 reasonable cause, pay a penalty equal to two percent (2%) of the tax not withheld,
8 collected, or timely paid for each thirty (30) days or fraction thereof that the
9 withholding, collection, or payment is late. The total penalty levied pursuant to this
10 subsection shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the tax not timely withheld,
11 collected, or paid; however, the penalty shall not be less than ten dollars (\$10).
- 12 (3) If any taxpayer fails or refuses to make and file a report or return or furnish any
13 information requested in writing by the department, the department may make an
14 estimate of the tax due from any information in its possession, assess the tax at not
15 more than twice the amount estimated to be due, and add a penalty equal to five
16 percent (5%) of the tax assessed for each thirty (30) days or fraction thereof that the
17 return or report is not filed. The total penalty levied pursuant to this subsection shall
18 not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the tax assessed; however, the penalty shall not be
19 less than one hundred dollars (\$100) unless the taxpayer demonstrates that the
20 failure to file was due to reasonable cause as defined in KRS 131.010(9). This
21 penalty shall be applicable whether or not any tax is determined to be due on a
22 subsequently filed return or if the subsequently filed return results in a refund.
- 23 (4) If any taxpayer fails or refuses to pay within sixty (60) days of the due date any tax
24 assessed by the department which is not protested in accordance with KRS 131.110,
25 there shall be added a penalty equal to two percent (2%) of the unpaid tax for each
26 thirty (30) days or fraction thereof that the tax is final, due, and owing, but not paid.
- 27 (5) Any taxpayer who fails to obtain any identification number, permit, license, or other

1 document of authority from the department within the time required by law shall,
2 unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the department that the failure is due to
3 reasonable cause, pay a penalty equal to ten percent (10%) of any cost or fee
4 required to be paid for the identification number, permit, license, or other document
5 of authority; however, the penalty shall not be less than fifty dollars (\$50).

6 (6) If any tax assessed by the department is the result of negligence by a taxpayer or
7 other person, a penalty equal to ten percent (10%) of the tax so assessed shall be
8 paid by the taxpayer or other person who was negligent.

9 (7) If any tax assessed by the department is the result of fraud committed by the
10 taxpayer or other person, a penalty equal to fifty percent (50%) of the tax so
11 assessed shall be paid by the taxpayer or other person who committed fraud.

12 (8) If any check tendered to the department is not paid when presented to the drawee
13 bank for payment, there shall be paid as a penalty by the taxpayer who tendered the
14 check, upon notice and demand of the department, an amount equal to ten percent
15 (10%) of the check. The penalty under this section shall not be less than ten dollars
16 (\$10) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100). If the taxpayer who tendered the
17 check shows to the department's satisfaction that the failure to honor payment of the
18 check resulted from error by parties other than the taxpayer, the department shall
19 waive the penalty.

20 (9) Any person who fails to make any tax report or return or pay any tax within the
21 time, or in the manner required by law, for which a specific civil penalty is not
22 provided by law, shall pay a penalty as provided in this section, with interest from
23 the date due at the tax interest rate as defined in KRS 131.010(6).

24 (10) The penalties levied pursuant to subsection (4) of this section shall apply to any tax
25 assessment protested pursuant to KRS 131.110 to the extent that any appeal of the
26 assessment or portion of it is ruled by the Board of Tax Appeals ~~Kentucky Claims~~
27 ~~Commission~~ or, if appealed from, the court of last resort, as not protested,

1 appealed, or pursued in good faith by the taxpayer.

2 (11) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the assessment or collection of
3 more than one (1) of the penalties levied under this section or any other civil or
4 criminal penalty provided for violation of the law for which penalties are imposed.

5 (12) All penalties levied pursuant to this section shall be assessed, collected, and paid in
6 the same manner as taxes. Any corporate officer or other person who becomes liable
7 for payment of any tax assessed by the department shall likewise be liable for all
8 penalties and interest applicable thereto.

9 ➔Section 58. KRS 131.622 is amended to read as follows:

10 (1) (a) The following shall be contraband and subject to seizure and destruction:

11 1. Any cigarettes that have been affixed with a stamp in this state in
12 violation of KRS 131.612; or

13 2. Any cigarettes in the possession of a retailer from a tobacco product
14 manufacturer or brand family that has been removed from the directory.

15 (b) Whenever any peace officer of this state, or any representative of the
16 department, finds any contraband cigarettes, the cigarettes shall be
17 immediately seized and stored in a depository to be selected by the officer or
18 representative.

19 (c) The seized cigarettes shall be held for a period of twenty (20) days to allow
20 the owner or any person having an interest in the cigarettes to protest the
21 seizure.

22 (d) At the time of seizure, the officer or representative shall:

23 1. Notify the department of the nature and quantity of the cigarettes seized;
24 and

25 2. Deliver to the person in whose custody the cigarettes are found a receipt
26 for the cigarettes. The receipt shall state on its face the date of seizure,
27 and a notice that the cigarettes shall be destroyed if the seizure is not

1 protested in writing to the Department of Revenue, Frankfort, Kentucky,
2 within twenty (20) days from the seizure.

3 (e) The owner or any person having an interest in the seized cigarettes may appeal
4 to the Board of Tax Appeals~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ a final
5 determination made by the department pursuant to KRS 49.220.

6 (f) If the owner or any person having an interest in the seized cigarettes fails to
7 protest the seizure before the end of the twenty (20) day holding period, the
8 department shall destroy the seized cigarettes.

9 (2) The Attorney General may seek an injunction to restrain a violation of KRS
10 131.612 or 131.616 by a distributor or stamping agent and to compel the distributor
11 or stamping agent to comply with KRS 131.612 and 131.616. In any action brought
12 pursuant to this section, the state shall be entitled to recover the costs of
13 investigation, costs of the action, and attorneys' fees from any distributor or
14 stamping agent found to be in violation of KRS 131.612 or 131.616.

15 (3) No stamping agent, distributor, retailer, or any other person shall sell or distribute
16 cigarettes, or acquire, hold, own, possess, transport, import, or cause to be imported
17 cigarettes that the stamping agent, distributor, retailer, or person knows are intended
18 for distribution or sale in the state in violation of KRS 131.612. A violation of this
19 section is a Class A misdemeanor.

20 (4) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a stamping agent or distributor from
21 possessing unstamped containers of cigarettes held in inventory for delivery to, or
22 for sale in, another state if in possession of proof that the cigarettes are intended for
23 sale in another state.

24 (5) In addition to or in lieu of any other civil or criminal remedy provided by law, upon
25 a determination that a stamping agent or distributor has violated KRS 131.612 or
26 any administrative regulation promulgated pursuant to KRS 131.600 to 131.630, the
27 commissioner may suspend the sale of cigarette stamps to the stamping agent or

1 distributor for failure to comply with the provisions of KRS 131.600 to 131.630.

2 ➔Section 59. KRS 132.310 is amended to read as follows:

- 3 (1) Any person who has failed to list for taxation any property omitted from
4 assessment, except such as is subject to assessment by the Department of Revenue,
5 may at any time list such property with the property valuation administrator. The
6 property valuation administrator shall proceed to assess any omitted real property
7 and shall within ten (10) days from the date the real property was listed notify the
8 taxpayer of the amount of the assessment. The notice shall be given as provided in
9 KRS 132.450(4). The Department of Revenue shall assess any omitted personal
10 property and provide notice to the taxpayer in the manner provided in KRS 131.110.
- 11 (2) The property valuation administrator may at any time list and assess any real
12 property which may have been omitted from the regular assessment. Immediately
13 upon listing and assessing omitted real property, the property valuation
14 administrator shall notify the taxpayer of the amount of the assessment. The notice
15 shall be given as provided in KRS 132.450(4). If the property valuation
16 administrator fails to assess any omitted real property, the Department of Revenue
17 may initiate assessment and collection procedures under the same provisions it uses
18 for omitted personal property.
- 19 (3) The notice to the taxpayer required by subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall
20 specify a date and time at which the county board of assessment appeals will hear
21 the taxpayer's protest of the omitted assessment. For purposes of hearing appeals
22 from omitted assessments the county judge/executive shall notify the chairman of
23 the board of assessment appeals of the date set for hearing and may authorize one
24 (1) member of the board to hear the appeal and issue a ruling of his decision on the
25 assessment, which shall be appealable, to the Board of Tax Appeals~~Kentucky~~
26 ~~Claims Commission~~ as provided by subsection (3) of Section 29 of this Act~~KRS~~
27 ~~49.220(2)~~.

1 (4) Any property voluntarily listed as omitted property for taxation under this section
2 shall be subject to penalties provided in KRS 132.290(3). Omitted property listed
3 for taxation under this section by the property valuation administrator shall be
4 subject to the penalties provided in KRS 132.290(4).

5 ➔Section 60. KRS 132.460 is amended to read as follows:

6 The property valuation administrator, or an authorized deputy, shall attend all hearings
7 before the county board of assessment appeals and before the **Board of Tax**
8 **Appeals**~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ pursuant to KRS 49.200 to 49.250 relative to his
9 assessment and submit to examination and fully disclose to them such information as he
10 may have and any other matters pertinent to the inquiry being made. He shall be entitled
11 to reimbursement from the county for expenses incurred in official business outside his
12 county. If the Department of Revenue directs him to perform official duties outside of his
13 county, the expenses shall be paid from the appropriation for the payment of the salaries
14 of the property valuation administrators. Such reimbursement shall be paid on the same
15 basis as employees of the Commonwealth are paid for travel expenses.

16 ➔Section 61. KRS 132.620 is amended to read as follows:

17 (1) The Department of Revenue shall recover from any property valuation administrator
18 all compensation paid to him for assessments that were unauthorized or excessive
19 when and to the extent it is determined by a final order of the board of assessment
20 appeals, **Board of Tax Appeals**~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ pursuant to KRS
21 49.200 to 49.250, or a court of competent jurisdiction that such assessments were
22 unauthorized or excessive. Whenever the property valuation administrator fails to
23 render the services required of him or he performs any of his duties in such a
24 manner as to fail to comply substantially with the requirements of the law, he shall
25 be required to pay a sum that will reasonably compensate the Commonwealth of
26 Kentucky for its costs in rendering the duties required to be performed by the
27 property valuation administrator. The Department of Revenue shall notify the

1 property valuation administrator by certified mail, return receipt requested, of any
2 amount charged to be due under this section and a statement of the reasons therefor.
3 The property valuation administrator shall be entitled to a hearing before the
4 ~~board~~[Kentucky Claims Commission], and an appeal may be taken from the final
5 action of the ~~board~~[Kentucky Claims Commission] to the courts as provided by
6 law.

7 (2) Any sum that may become due from any property valuation administrator by reason
8 of this section may be deducted from any amount that the Commonwealth of
9 Kentucky may become obliged to pay such property valuation administrator, or it
10 may be collected from the bondsman of the property valuation administrator.

11 ➔Section 62. KRS 133.120 is amended to read as follows:

12 (1) (a) Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the
13 property valuation administrator shall first request a conference with the
14 property valuation administrator or his or her designated deputy. The
15 conference shall be held prior to or during the inspection period provided for
16 in KRS 133.045, or during an extension granted under subsection (2)(d) of
17 this section.

18 (b) 1. Any person receiving compensation to represent a property owner at a
19 conference with the property valuation administrator for a real property
20 assessment shall be:

- 21 a. An attorney;
- 22 b. A certified public accountant;
- 23 c. A certified real estate broker;
- 24 d. A Kentucky licensed real estate broker;
- 25 e. An employee of the property owner;
- 26 f. A licensed or certified Kentucky real estate appraiser;
- 27 g. An appraiser who possesses a temporary practice permit or

- 1 reciprocal license or certification in Kentucky to perform
2 appraisals and whose license or certification requires him or her to
3 conform to the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal
4 Practice; or
- 5 h. Any other individual possessing a professional appraisal
6 designation recognized by the department.
- 7 2. A person representing a property owner before the property valuation
8 administrator shall present written authorization from the property
9 owner which sets forth his or her professional capacity and shall disclose
10 to the property valuation administrator any personal or private interests
11 he or she may have in the matter, including any contingency fee
12 arrangements, except that attorneys shall not be required to disclose the
13 terms and conditions of any contingency fee arrangement.
- 14 (c) During this conference, the property valuation administrator or his or her
15 deputy shall provide an explanation to the taxpayer of the constitutional and
16 statutory provisions governing property tax administration, including the
17 appeal process, as well as an explanation of the procedures followed in
18 deriving the assessed value for the taxpayer's property.
- 19 (d) The property valuation administrator or his or her deputy shall keep a record
20 of each conference which shall include but not be limited to the initial
21 assessed value, the value claimed by the taxpayer, an explanation of any
22 changes offered or agreed to by each party, and a brief account of the outcome
23 of the conference.
- 24 (e) At the request of the taxpayer, the conference may be held by telephone.
- 25 (2) (a) Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property made by the
26 property valuation administrator after complying with the provisions of
27 subsection (1) of this section may appeal to the board of assessment appeals.

- 1 (b) The taxpayer shall appeal his or her assessment by filing in person or sending
2 a letter or other written petition to the county clerk stating the reasons for
3 appeal, identifying the property for which the appeal is filed, and stating the
4 taxpayer's opinion of the fair cash value of the property.
- 5 (c) The appeal shall be filed no later than one (1) workday following the
6 conclusion of the inspection period provided for in KRS 133.045 or no later
7 than the last day of an extension granted under paragraph (d) of this
8 subsection.
- 9 (d) A property valuation administrator may make a written request to the
10 department to extend the deadline in his or her county of jurisdiction to allow
11 the completion of the conferences requested during the inspection period
12 required by subsection (1)(a) of this section and to extend the filing deadline
13 for appeals to the board of assessment appeals. If approved by the department,
14 the deadline for the completion of the conferences requested during the
15 inspection period and filing appeals shall be extended for a period not to
16 exceed twenty-five (25) days from the date of the original filing deadline.
- 17 (e) The county clerk shall notify the department of all assessment appeals and of
18 the date and times of the hearings.
- 19 (f) The board of assessment appeals may review and change any assessment
20 made by the property valuation administrator upon recommendation of the
21 county judge/executive, mayor of any city using the county assessment, or the
22 superintendent of any school district in which the property is located, if the
23 recommendation is made to the board in writing specifying the individual
24 properties recommended for review and is made no later than one (1) work
25 day following the conclusion of the inspection period provided for in KRS
26 133.045, or no later than the last day of an extension granted under paragraph
27 (d) of this subsection, or upon the written recommendation of the department.

1 If the board of assessment appeals determines that the assessment should be
2 increased, it shall give the taxpayer notice in the manner required by
3 subsection (4) of KRS 132.450, specifying a date when the board will hear the
4 taxpayer, if he or she so desires, in protest of an increase.

5 (g) Any real property owner who has listed his or her property with the property
6 valuation administrator at its fair cash value may ask the county board of
7 assessment appeals to review the assessments of real properties he or she
8 believes to be assessed at less than fair cash value, if he or she specifies in
9 writing the individual properties for which the review is sought and factual
10 information upon which his or her request is based, such as comparable sales
11 or cost data and if the request is made no later than one (1) work day
12 following the conclusion of the inspection period provided for in KRS
13 133.045, or no later than the last day of an extension granted under paragraph
14 (d) of this subsection.

15 (h) Nothing in this section shall be construed as granting any property owner the
16 right to request a blanket review of properties or the board the power to
17 conduct such a review.

18 (3) (a) The board of assessment appeals shall hold a public hearing for each
19 individual taxpayer appeal in protest of the assessment by the property
20 valuation administrator filed in accordance with the provisions of subsection
21 (2) of this section, and after hearing all the evidence, shall fix the assessment
22 of the property at its fair cash value.

23 (b) The department may be present at the hearing and present any pertinent
24 evidence as it pertains to the appeal.

25 (c) The taxpayer shall provide factual evidence to support his or her appeal. If the
26 taxpayer fails to provide reasonable information pertaining to the value of the
27 property requested by the property valuation administrator, the department, or

1 any member of the board, his or her appeal shall be denied.

2 (d) This information shall include but not be limited to the physical characteristics
3 of land and improvements, insurance policies, cost of construction, real estate
4 sales listings and contracts, income and expense statements for commercial
5 property, and loans or mortgages.

6 (e) The board of assessment appeals shall only hear and consider evidence which
7 has been submitted to it in the presence of both the property valuation
8 administrator or his or her designated deputy and the taxpayer or his or her
9 authorized representative.

10 (4) (a) Any person receiving compensation to represent a property owner in an appeal
11 before the board shall be:

- 12 1. An attorney;
- 13 2. A certified public accountant;
- 14 3. A certified real estate broker;
- 15 4. A Kentucky licensed real estate broker;
- 16 5. An employee of the taxpayer;
- 17 6. A licensed or certified Kentucky real estate appraiser;
- 18 7. An appraiser who possesses a temporary practice permit or reciprocal
19 license or certification in Kentucky to perform appraisals and whose
20 license or certification requires him or her to conform to the Uniform
21 Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice; or
- 22 8. Any other individual possessing a professional appraisal designation
23 recognized by the department.

24 (b) A person representing a property owner before the county board of assessment
25 appeals shall present a written authorization from the property owner which
26 sets forth his or her professional capacity and shall disclose to the county
27 board of assessment appeals any personal or private interests he or she may

1 have in the matter, including any contingency fee arrangements, except that
2 attorneys shall not be required to disclose the terms and conditions of any
3 contingency fee arrangement.

4 (5) The board shall provide a written opinion justifying its action for each assessment
5 either decreased or increased in the record of its proceedings and orders required in
6 KRS 133.125 on forms or in a format provided or approved by the department.

7 (6) The board shall report to the property valuation administrator any real property
8 omitted from the tax roll. The property valuation administrator shall assess the
9 property and immediately give notice to the taxpayer in the manner required by
10 KRS 132.450(4), specifying a date when the board of assessment appeals will hear
11 the taxpayer, if he or she so desires, in protest of the action of the property valuation
12 administrator.

13 (7) The board of assessment appeals shall have power to issue subpoenas, compel the
14 attendance of witnesses, and adopt rules and regulations concerning the conduct of
15 its business. Any member of the board shall have power to administer oaths to any
16 witness in proceedings before the board.

17 (8) The powers of the board of assessment appeals shall be limited to those specifically
18 granted by this section.

19 (9) No appeal shall delay the collection or payment of any taxes based upon the
20 assessment in controversy. The taxpayer shall pay all state, county, and district taxes
21 due on the valuation which he or she claims as true value and stated in the petition
22 of appeal filed in accordance with the provisions of subsection (1) of this section.
23 When the valuation is finally determined upon appeal, the taxpayer shall be billed
24 for any additional tax and interest at the tax interest rate as defined in KRS
25 131.010(6) from the date when the tax would have become due if no appeal had
26 been taken. The provisions of KRS 134.015(6) shall apply to the tax bill.

27 (10) Any member of the county board of assessment appeals may be required to give

1 evidence in support of the board's findings in any appeal from its actions to the
2 **Board of Tax Appeals**~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ pursuant to KRS 49.220.
3 Any persons aggrieved by a decision of the board, including the property valuation
4 administrator, taxpayer, and department, may appeal the decision to the **Board of**
5 **Tax Appeals**~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ pursuant to KRS 49.220. Any
6 taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to
7 appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, shall not
8 be eligible to appeal directly to the **Board of Tax Appeals**~~[Kentucky Claims~~
9 ~~Commission]~~.

10 (11) The county attorney shall represent the interest of the state and county in all
11 hearings before the board of assessment appeals and on all appeals prosecuted from
12 its decision. If the county attorney is unable to represent the state and county, he or
13 she the fiscal court shall arrange for substitute representation.

14 (12) Taxpayers shall have the right to make audio recordings of the hearing before the
15 county board of assessment appeals. The property valuation administrator may
16 make similar audio recordings only if prior written notice is given to the taxpayer.
17 The taxpayer shall be entitled to a copy of the department's recording as provided in
18 KRS 61.874.

19 (13) The county board of assessment appeals shall physically inspect a property upon the
20 request of the property owner or property valuation administrator.

21 ➔Section 63. KRS 133.170 is amended to read as follows:

22 (1) When the Department of Revenue has completed its equalization of the assessment
23 of the property in any county, it shall certify its action to the county judge/executive,
24 with a copy of the certification for the county clerk, to be laid before the fiscal court
25 of the county.

26 (2) If the fiscal court deems it proper to ask for a review of the aggregate equalization
27 of any class or subclass of property, it shall direct the county attorney to prosecute

1 an appeal of the aggregate increase to the *Board of Tax Appeals*~~[Kentucky Claims~~
2 ~~Commission]~~ pursuant to KRS 49.220 within ten (10) days from the date of the
3 certification.

4 (3) Within ten (10) days from the date that the department's aggregate equalization of
5 any or all classes or subclasses of property becomes final by failure of the fiscal
6 court to prosecute an appeal or by order of the *Board of Tax Appeals*~~[Kentucky~~
7 ~~Claims Commission]~~ pursuant to KRS 49.200 to 49.250 or the courts, the fiscal
8 court shall cause to be published, at least one (1) time, in the newspaper having the
9 largest circulation within the county, a public notice of the department's action.

10 (4) Within ten (10) days from the date of the publication of the notice required in
11 subsection (3) of this section, any individual taxpayer whose property assessment is
12 increased above its fair cash value by the equalization action may file with the
13 county clerk an application for exoneration of his property assessment from the
14 increase. The application shall be filed in duplicate and shall include the name and
15 address of the person in whose name the property is assessed; the assessment of the
16 property before the increase; the description and location of the property including
17 the description shown on the tax roll; the property owner's reason for appeal; and all
18 other pertinent facts having a bearing upon its value. The county clerk shall forward
19 one (1) copy, of each application for exoneration to the Department of Revenue and
20 shall exclude the amount of the equalization increase from the assessment in the
21 preparation of the property tax bill for each property for which an application for
22 exoneration has been filed.

23 (5) The county judge/executive shall reconvene the board of supervisors immediately
24 following the close of the period for filing applications for exoneration from the
25 increase. The board shall schedule and conduct hearings on all applications in the
26 manner prescribed for hearing appeals by KRS 133.120; however, the board shall
27 not have authority to reduce any assessment to an amount less than that listed for

1 the property at the time of adjournment of the regular board session.

2 (6) The county clerk shall act as clerk of the reconvened board and shall keep an
3 accurate record of the proceedings in the same manner as provided by KRS
4 133.125. Within five (5) days of the adjournment of the reconvened board, he shall
5 notify each property owner in writing of the final action of the board with relation to
6 the equalization increase and shall forward a copy of the proceedings certified by
7 the chairman of the board and attested by him to the Department of Revenue and to
8 the other taxing districts participating in the tax.

9 (7) Any taxpayer whose application has been denied, in whole or in part, may appeal to
10 the **Board of Tax Appeals**~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ as provided in KRS
11 49.220, and appeals thereafter may be taken to the courts as provided in KRS
12 49.250.

13 (8) The provisions of KRS 133.120(9) shall apply to the payment of taxes upon any
14 property assessment for which an application for exoneration has been filed.

15 (9) The provisions of subsections (4), (5), (6), (7), and (8) of this section shall only
16 apply to appeals growing out of equalization action by the Department of Revenue
17 under the provisions of KRS 133.150.

18 ➔Section 64. KRS 133.215 is amended to read as follows:

19 The sheriff shall be entitled to the fee prescribed by KRS 64.090 for serving a subpoena
20 for the board of assessment appeals. He shall also have a like fee for serving a subpoena
21 or notice for the **Board of Tax Appeals**~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ regarding any
22 proceeding for the assessment of property subject to local taxation. Said fees shall be paid
23 out of the county levy.

24 ➔Section 65. KRS 134.551 is amended to read as follows:

25 (1) If a certificate of delinquency or personal property certificate of delinquency held by
26 an individual is declared void by a court of competent jurisdiction because of the
27 irregularity of taxing officers, the amount for which the certificate was issued shall

1 be refunded by the state, county, and taxing districts on a pro rata basis. If a school
2 district or county is unable to make the refund currently when requested, it shall be
3 given preference from the next year's revenue. The application for refund must be
4 made within one (1) year after the judgment. The property covered by the void
5 certificate shall be assessed immediately as omitted property and the tax bill shall be
6 payable as soon as prepared.

7 (2) (a) If a certificate of delinquency held by a third-party purchaser who paid the
8 certificate of delinquency to the county clerk:

9 1. Is unenforceable because:
10 a. It is a duplicate certificate of delinquency;
11 b. The tax liability represented by the certificate of delinquency was
12 satisfied prior to the purchase of the certificate of delinquency;
13 c. All or a portion of the certificate of delinquency is exonerated; or
14 d. The property to which the certificate of delinquency applies was
15 not subject to taxes as a matter of law as certified by the property
16 valuation administrator; or

17 2. Should not have been sold because, on the date of the annual sale, the
18 certificate of delinquency met the requirements for inclusion on the
19 protected list pursuant to KRS 134.504(10) and it:

20 a. Was included on the protected list;
21 b. Was mistakenly left off the protected list; or
22 c. Became eligible for inclusion on the protected list between the date
23 the protected list was submitted and the date of sale;

24 the third-party purchaser may apply to the county clerk for a refund.

25 (b) The application for refund filed with the county clerk shall include written
26 proof that one (1) of the situations described in paragraph (a) of this
27 subsection exists with regard to the certificate of delinquency for which a

1 refund is sought.

- 2 (c) 1. Upon acceptance and approval of the application for refund, the county
3 clerk shall approve a refund of the amount paid to the county clerk by
4 the third-party purchaser in satisfaction of the certificate of delinquency.
5 The refunded amount shall not include any filing fees paid by the third-
6 party purchaser to the county clerk.
- 7 2. Amounts refunded to the third-party purchaser shall be deducted from
8 amounts in the hands of the county clerk due to the state, county, taxing
9 districts, sheriff, county attorney, and the county clerk on a pro rata
10 basis, if the county clerk has sufficient funds in his or her hands to make
11 the refund.
- 12 3. If the county clerk does not have sufficient funds to make the refund at
13 the time the refund is approved, the county clerk may either:
- 14 a. Retain the approved refund claim in his or her office and make the
15 refund payment as soon as he or she has sufficient funds in his or
16 her hands to make the refund payment; or
- 17 b. Provide a signed letter to the person to whom payment is due,
18 which includes the amount due from each taxing jurisdiction or fee
19 office, and which directs each taxing jurisdiction or fee official to
20 pay to the person the amount due and owing from that taxing
21 jurisdiction or fee official as reflected in the letter.
- 22 4. Upon the making of a refund to a third-party purchaser, the county clerk
23 shall issue and file a release of the lien on the property assessed for taxes
24 as provided in this subparagraph without charge to the third-party
25 purchaser. The release shall be linked to the encumbrance in the county
26 clerk's indexing system.
- 27 a. The department shall prepare a release form to be used by the

1 county clerk when a refund is paid under this paragraph. The form
2 shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- 3 i. The name and address of the taxpayer;
 - 4 ii. The name and address of the third-party purchaser;
 - 5 iii. The book and page number of the third-party purchaser's lis
6 pendens filing;
 - 7 iv. The property address;
 - 8 v. The applicable tax year; and
 - 9 vi. The map identification number or tax bill number.
- 10 b. The release form shall be signed by the government official
11 responsible for making the correction.
- 12 c. In addition to the signed release form, information filed by the
13 county clerk shall include a copy of the documentation provided by
14 the government official and a copy of the refund check or letter of
15 refund authorization issued to the third-party purchaser. The
16 county clerk shall record and file this information without a fee.
- 17 d. The county clerk shall also make any necessary corrections to the
18 tax records within the office of the county clerk.
- 19 e. The county clerk shall return the release document to the taxpayer
20 and shall provide a copy of the release document to the third-party
21 purchaser.

22 (d) If the county clerk denies the application for refund, or the property valuation
23 administrator fails to certify that property was not subject to taxes as a matter
24 of law, the third-party purchaser may appeal the decision of the county clerk
25 or the property valuation administrator to the Board of Tax Appeals ~~Kentucky~~
26 ~~Claims Commission~~ pursuant to KRS 49.220.

27 ➔Section 66. KRS 134.580 is amended to read as follows:

- 1 (1) As used in this section, unless the context requires otherwise:
- 2 (a) "Agency" means the agency of state government which administers the tax to
3 be refunded or credited; and
- 4 (b) "Overpayment" or "payment where no tax was due" means the excess of the
5 tax payments made over the correct tax liability determined under the terms of
6 the applicable statute without reference to the constitutionality of the statute.
- 7 (2) When money has been paid into the State Treasury in payment of any state taxes,
8 except ad valorem taxes, whether payment was made voluntarily or involuntarily,
9 the appropriate agency shall authorize refunds to the person who paid the tax, or to
10 his heirs, personal representatives or assigns, of any overpayment of tax and any
11 payment where no tax was due. When a bona fide controversy exists between the
12 agency and the taxpayer as to the liability of the taxpayer for the payment of tax
13 claimed to be due by the agency, the taxpayer may pay the amount claimed by the
14 agency to be due, and if an appeal is taken by the taxpayer from the ruling of the
15 agency within the time provided by KRS 49.220 and it is finally adjudged that the
16 taxpayer was not liable for the payment of the tax or any part thereof, the agency
17 shall authorize the refund or credit as the Board of Tax Appeals~~[Kentucky Claims~~
18 ~~Commission]~~ or courts may direct.
- 19 (3) No refund shall be made unless each taxpayer individually files an application or
20 claim for the refund within four (4) years from the date payment was made. Each
21 claim or application for a refund shall be in writing and state the specific grounds
22 upon which it is based. Denials of refund claims or applications may be protested
23 and appealed in accordance with KRS 49.220 and 131.110.
- 24 (4) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, when an assessment of limited
25 liability entity tax is made under KRS 141.0401 against a pass-through entity as
26 defined in KRS 141.206, the corporation or individual partners, members, or
27 shareholders of the pass-through entity shall have the greater of the time period

1 provided by this section or one hundred eighty (180) days from the date the
2 assessment becomes final to file amended returns requesting any refund of tax for
3 the taxable year of the assessment and to allow for items of income, deduction, and
4 credit to be properly reported on the returns of the partners, members, or
5 shareholders of the pass-through entity subject to adjustment.

6 (5) Refunds shall be authorized with interest as provided in KRS 131.183. The refunds
7 authorized by this section shall be made in the same manner as other claims on the
8 State Treasury are paid. They shall not be charged against any appropriation, but
9 shall be deducted from tax receipts for the current fiscal year.

10 (6) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the agency to make or cause
11 to be made any refund except within four (4) years of the date prescribed by law for
12 the filing of a return including any extension of time for filing the return, or the date
13 the money was paid into the State Treasury, whichever is the later, except in any
14 case where the assessment period has been extended by written agreement between
15 the taxpayer and the department, the limitation contained in this subsection shall be
16 extended accordingly. Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring the
17 agency to authorize any refund to a taxpayer without demand from the taxpayer, if
18 in the opinion of the agency the cost to the state of authorizing the refund would be
19 greater than the amount that should be refunded or credited.

20 (7) This section shall not apply to any case in which the statute may be held
21 unconstitutional, either in whole or in part.

22 (8) In cases in which a statute has been held unconstitutional, taxes paid thereunder
23 may be refunded to the extent provided by KRS 134.590, and by the statute held
24 unconstitutional.

25 (9) No person shall secure a refund of motor fuels tax under KRS 134.580 unless the
26 person holds an unrevoked refund permit issued by the department before the
27 purchase of gasoline or special fuels and that permit entitles the person to apply for

1 a refund under KRS 138.344 to 138.355.

2 (10) Notwithstanding any provision of the Kentucky Revised Statutes to the contrary:

3 (a) The Commonwealth hereby revokes and withdraws its consent to suit in any
4 forum whatsoever on any claim for recovery, refund, or credit of any tax
5 overpayment for any taxable year ending before December 31, 1995, made by
6 an amended return or any other method after December 22, 1994, and based
7 on a change from any initially filed separate return or returns to a combined
8 return under the unitary business concept or to a consolidated return. No such
9 claim shall be effective or recognized for any purpose;

10 (b) Any stated or implied consent for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, or any
11 agent or officer of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, to be sued by any person
12 for any legal, equitable, or other relief with respect to any claim for recovery,
13 refund, or credit of any tax overpayment for any taxable year ending before
14 December 31, 1995, made by an amended return or any other method after
15 December 22, 1994, and based on a change from any initially filed separate
16 return or returns to a combined return under the unitary business concept or to
17 a consolidated return, is hereby withdrawn; and

18 (c) The provisions of this subsection shall apply retroactively for all taxable years
19 ending before December 31, 1995, and shall apply to all claims for such
20 taxable years pending in any judicial or administrative forum.

21 (11) Notwithstanding any provision of the Kentucky Revised Statutes to the contrary:

22 (a) No money shall be drawn from the State Treasury for the payment of any
23 claim for recovery, refund, or credit of any tax overpayment for any taxable
24 year ending before December 31, 1995, made by an amended return or any
25 other method after December 22, 1994, and based on a change from any
26 initially filed separate return or returns to a combined return under the unitary
27 business concept or to a consolidated return; and

1 (b) No provision of the Kentucky Revised Statutes shall constitute an
2 appropriation or mandated appropriation for the payment of any claim for
3 recovery, refund, or credit of any tax overpayment for any taxable year ending
4 before December 31, 1995, made by an amended return or any other method
5 after December 22, 1994, and based on a change from any initially filed
6 separate return or returns to a combined return under the unitary business
7 concept or to a consolidated return.

8 ➔Section 67. KRS 136.050 is amended to read as follows:

9 (1) Except where otherwise specially provided, all corporations required to make
10 reports to the Department of Revenue shall pay all taxes due the state from them
11 into the State Treasury at the same time as natural persons are required to pay taxes,
12 and when delinquent shall pay the same rate of interest and penalties as natural
13 persons who are delinquent.

14 (2) All state taxes assessed against any corporation under the provisions of KRS
15 136.120 to 136.200 shall be due and payable as provided in KRS 131.110. All
16 county, city, school, and other taxes so assessed shall be due and payable thirty (30)
17 days after notice of the amount of the tax is given by the collecting officer. The
18 state, county, city, school, and other taxes found to be due on any protested
19 assessment or portion thereof shall begin to bear legal interest on the sixty-first day
20 after the Board of Tax Appeals~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ acknowledges
21 receipt of a protest of any assessment or enters an order to certify the unprotested
22 portion of any assessment until paid, except that in no event shall interest begin to
23 accrue prior to January 1 following April 30 of the year in which the report is due.
24 Every corporation so assessed that fails to pay its taxes when due shall be deemed
25 delinquent, a penalty of ten percent (10%) on the amount of the tax shall attach, and
26 thereafter the tax shall bear interest at the tax interest rate as defined in KRS
27 131.010(6).

1 ➔Section 68. KRS 136.658 is amended to read as follows:

2 (1) The Local Distribution Fund Oversight Committee is hereby created and
3 administratively attached to and staffed by the department. The oversight committee
4 shall consist of nine (9) members appointed by the Governor and shall be
5 representative of local government and state government officials. The Governor
6 shall receive recommendations for four (4) members each from the Kentucky
7 Association of Counties and the Kentucky League of Cities from which the
8 Governor shall select two (2) members each. The Governor shall receive
9 recommendations for two (2) members each from the Kentucky School Board
10 Association, the Kentucky Superintendents Association, and the Kentucky School
11 Administrators Association from which the Governor shall select one (1) member
12 each. One (1) member shall be appointed by the Governor to represent the interests
13 of special districts other than school districts. The remaining member shall be the
14 commissioner of the Department for Local Government, who shall serve as
15 chairperson of the oversight committee. The members shall serve for a term of three
16 (3) years. Five (5) members of the oversight committee shall constitute a quorum. A
17 member may be removed for cause in accordance with procedures established by
18 the oversight committee and shall serve without salary but shall be reimbursed for
19 expenses in the same manner as state employees. Any vacancy occurring on the
20 oversight committee shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term.

21 (2) The duties of the oversight committee shall be:

- 22 (a) To monitor the department's implementation and distribution of funds from
23 the gross revenues and excise tax fund and the state baseline and local growth
24 fund and to report its findings to the commissioner of the department; and
25 (b) To act as a finder of fact for the commissioner of the department in disputes in
26 and between political subdivisions, school districts, special districts, and
27 sheriff departments, and between political subdivisions, school districts,

1 special districts, and sheriff departments, and the department regarding the
2 implementation and distribution of funds from the gross revenues and excise
3 tax fund and the state baseline and local growth fund.

4 (3) The department shall provide the oversight committee with an annual report
5 reflecting the amounts distributed to each participating political subdivision, school
6 district, special district, or sheriff department.

7 (4) Any political subdivision, school district, special district, or sheriff department may
8 file a complaint and request a hearing with the oversight committee on a form
9 prescribed by the committee. The oversight committee shall give notice to any
10 political subdivision, school district, special district, or sheriff department that may
11 be affected by the complaint. Any political subdivision, school district, special
12 district, or sheriff department intending to respond to the complaint shall do so in
13 writing within thirty (30) days of notice of the complaint.

14 (5) In conducting its business:

15 (a) The oversight committee shall give due notice of the times and places of its
16 hearings;

17 (b) The parties shall be entitled to be heard, to present evidence, and to examine
18 and cross-examine witnesses;

19 (c) The oversight committee shall act by majority vote;

20 (d) The oversight committee shall adopt and publish rules of procedure and
21 practice regarding its hearings; and

22 (e) The oversight committee shall make written findings and recommendations to
23 the commissioner of the department.

24 (6) The commissioner of the department shall review the findings and
25 recommendations of the oversight committee and issue a final ruling within sixty
26 (60) days of receipt of the recommendations.

27 (7) The parties in the dispute shall have the rights and duties to appeal any final ruling

1 to the Board of Tax Appeals~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ under KRS 49.220.

2 (8) Nothing contained in this section shall prevent at any time a written compromise of
3 any matter or matters in dispute, if otherwise lawful, by the parties to the hearing
4 process.

5 ➔Section 69. KRS 137.160 is amended to read as follows:

6 (1) When the Department of Revenue has received the reports provided for in KRS
7 137.130, it shall, upon such reports and such other reports and information as it may
8 secure, assess the value of all grades or kinds of crude petroleum reported for each
9 month.

10 (2) Where the report shows no sale of crude petroleum during the month covered by the
11 report, the market value of crude petroleum on the first business day after the tenth
12 day of the month in which the report is made shall be fixed by the department as the
13 assessed value of all crude petroleum covered by the report. Where the report shows
14 that all crude petroleum reported has been sold during the month covered by the
15 report, the market price of such crude petroleum on each day of sale shall be the
16 assessed value of all crude petroleum sold on that date of sale, and the total amount
17 of the tax to be reported as the assessment on the report shall be the total of the
18 assessments made on such sales. If the report shows that part of the crude petroleum
19 reported has been sold and part remains unsold, the market price of the crude
20 petroleum on the first business day after the tenth day of the month following the
21 month covered by the report shall be fixed as the assessed value of the portion of
22 the crude petroleum unsold, the market price of the crude petroleum on each day of
23 sale shall be the assessed value of the portion sold, and the total amount of the tax
24 to be reported as the assessment on the report shall be the total of the assessments
25 made on the sold and unsold crude petroleum. The department, in making its
26 assessments, shall take into consideration transportation charges.

27 (3) The department shall, by the last day of the month in which the reports are required

1 to be made, notify each transporter of his assessment, and certify the assessment to
2 the county clerk of each county that has reported the levy of a county tax under KRS
3 137.150. The county clerk shall immediately deliver a copy thereof to the sheriff for
4 collection of the county tax. The transporter so notified of the assessment shall have
5 the right to an appeal to the Board of Tax Appeals~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~
6 pursuant to KRS 49.220.

7 ➔Section 70. KRS 138.132 is amended to read as follows:

- 8 (1) It is the declared legislative intent of KRS 138.130 to 138.205 that any untax-paid
9 tobacco products or vapor products held, owned, possessed, or in control of any
10 person other than as provided in KRS 138.130 to 138.205 are contraband and
11 subject to seizure and forfeiture as set out in this section.
- 12 (2) (a) If a retailer, who is not a licensed retail distributor, purchases tobacco
13 products or vapor products from a licensed distributor and the purchase
14 invoice does not contain the separate identification and display of the tobacco
15 products tax or vapor products tax, the retailer shall, within twenty-four (24)
16 hours, notify the department in writing.
- 17 (b) The notification shall include the name and address of the person from whom
18 the tobacco products or vapor products were purchased and a copy of the
19 purchase invoice.
- 20 (c) The tobacco products or vapor products for which the required information
21 was not included on the invoice shall be retained by the retailer, and not sold,
22 for a period of fifteen (15) days after giving the proper notice as required by
23 this subsection.
- 24 (d) After the fifteen (15) day period, the retailer may pay the tax due on the
25 tobacco products or vapor products described in paragraph (c) of this
26 subsection according to administrative regulations promulgated by the
27 department, and after which may proceed to sell the tobacco products or vapor

1 products.

2 (3) If a retailer, who is not a licensed retail distributor, purchases tobacco products or
3 vapor products for resale from a person not licensed under KRS 138.195(7), which
4 is prohibited by KRS 138.140(2), the retailer may not sell those tobacco products or
5 vapor products until the retailer applies for and is granted a retail distributor's
6 license under KRS 138.195(7)(b).

7 (4) If, upon examination, the department determines that the retailer has failed to
8 comply with the provisions of subsection (3) of this section, the retailer shall pay all
9 tax and interest and applicable penalties due and the following shall apply:

10 (a) For the first offense, an additional penalty shall be assessed equal to ten
11 percent (10%) of the tax due;

12 (b) For a second offense within three (3) years or less of the first offense, an
13 additional penalty shall be assessed equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the
14 tax due; and

15 (c) For a third offense or subsequent offense within three (3) years or less of the
16 first offense, the tobacco products or vapor products shall be contraband and
17 subject to seizure and forfeiture as provided in subsection (5) of this section.

18 (5) (a) Whenever a representative of the department finds contraband tobacco
19 products or contraband vapor products within the borders of this state, the
20 tobacco products or vapor products shall be immediately seized and stored in
21 a depository to be determined by the representative.

22 (b) At the time of seizure, the representative shall deliver to the person in whose
23 custody the tobacco products or vapor products are found a receipt for the
24 seized products. The receipt shall state on its face that any inquiry concerning
25 any tobacco products or vapor products seized shall be directed to the
26 commissioner of the Department of Revenue, Frankfort, Kentucky.

27 (c) Immediately upon seizure, the representative shall notify the commissioner of

1 the nature and quantity of the tobacco products or vapor products seized. Any
2 seized tobacco products or vapor products shall be held for a period of twenty
3 (20) days, and if after that period no person has claimed the tobacco products
4 or vapor products as his or her property, the commissioner shall cause the
5 tobacco products or vapor products to be destroyed.

6 (6) All fixtures, equipment, materials, and personal property used in substantial
7 connection with the sale or possession of tobacco products or vapor products
8 involved in a knowing and intentional violation of KRS 138.130 to 138.205 shall be
9 contraband and subject to seizure and forfeiture as follows:

10 (a) The department's representative shall seize the property and store the property
11 in a safe place selected by the representative; and

12 (b) The representative shall proceed as provided in KRS 138.165(2). The
13 commissioner shall cause the property to be sold after notice published
14 pursuant to KRS Chapter 424. The proceeds from the sale shall be applied as
15 provided in KRS 138.165(2).

16 (7) The owner or any person having an interest in the fixtures, materials, or personal
17 property that has been seized as provided by subsection (6) of this section may
18 apply to the commissioner for remission of the forfeiture for good cause shown. If it
19 is shown to the satisfaction of the commissioner that the owner or person having an
20 interest in the property was without fault, the department shall remit the forfeiture.

21 (8) Any party aggrieved by an order entered under this section may appeal to the **Board**
22 **of Tax Appeals**~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ pursuant to KRS 49.220.

23 ➔Section 71. KRS 138.165 is amended to read as follows:

24 (1) It is declared to be the legislative intent of KRS 138.130 to 138.205 that any untax-
25 paid cigarettes held, owned, possessed, or in control of any person other than as
26 provided in KRS 138.130 to 138.205 are contraband and subject to seizure and
27 forfeiture as set out in this section.

- 1 (2) (a) Whenever any peace officer of this state, or any representative of the
2 department, finds any untax-paid cigarettes within the borders of this state in
3 the possession of any person other than a licensee authorized to possess untax-
4 paid cigarettes by the provisions of KRS 138.130 to 138.205, those cigarettes
5 shall be immediately seized and stored in a depository to be selected by the
6 officer or agent.
- 7 (b) At the time of seizure, the officer or agent shall deliver to the person in whose
8 custody the cigarettes are found a receipt for the cigarettes. The receipt shall
9 state on its face that any inquiry concerning any goods seized shall be directed
10 to the commissioner of the Department of Revenue, Frankfort, Kentucky.
- 11 (c) Immediately upon seizure, the officer or agent shall notify the commissioner
12 of the department of the nature and quantity of the goods seized.
- 13 (d) Any seized goods shall be held for a period of twenty (20) days and if after
14 that period no person has claimed the cigarettes, the commissioner shall cause
15 the same to be exposed to public sale to any person authorized to purchase
16 untax-paid cigarettes. The sale shall be on notice published pursuant to KRS
17 Chapter 424. All proceeds, less the cost of sale, from the sale shall be paid
18 into the Kentucky State Treasury for general fund purposes.
- 19 (3) It is declared to be the legislative intent that any vending machine used for
20 dispensing cigarettes on which Kentucky cigarette tax has not been paid is
21 contraband and subject to seizure and forfeiture. In the event any peace officer or
22 agent of the department finds any vending machine within the borders of this state
23 dispensing untax-paid cigarettes, the officer or agent shall immediately seize the
24 vending machine and store the vending machine in a safe place selected by the
25 officer or agent. The officer or agent shall proceed as provided in subsection (2) of
26 this section and the commissioner of the department shall cause the vending
27 machine to be sold, and the proceeds applied, as established in subsection (2) of this

1 section.

2 (4) No untax-paid cigarettes shall be transported within this state by any person other
3 than a manufacturer or a person licensed under the provisions of KRS 138.195. It is
4 declared to be the legislative intent that any motor vehicle used to transport any
5 such cigarettes by other persons is contraband and subject to seizure and forfeiture.
6 If any peace officer or agent of the department finds any such motor vehicle, the
7 vehicle shall be seized immediately and stored in a safe place. The peace officer or
8 agent of the department shall proceed as provided in subsection (2) of this section
9 and the commissioner of the department shall cause the motor vehicle to be sold,
10 and the proceeds applied, as established in subsection (2) of this section.

11 (5) (a) The owner or any person having an interest in any goods, machines or
12 vehicles seized as provided under subsections (1) to (4) of this section may
13 apply to the commissioner of the department for remission of the forfeiture for
14 good cause shown.

15 (b) If it is shown to the satisfaction of the department that~~[department that]~~ the
16 owner was without fault in the possession, dispensing, or transportation of the
17 untax-paid cigarettes, the department shall remit the forfeiture.

18 (c) If the department determines that the possession, dispensing, or transportation
19 of untax-paid cigarettes was willful or intentional, the department may
20 nevertheless remit the forfeiture on condition that the owner pay a penalty to
21 be prescribed by the department of not more than fifty percent (50%) of the
22 value of the property forfeited. All taxes due on untax-paid cigarettes shall be
23 paid in addition to the penalty, if any.

24 (6) Any party aggrieved by an order entered hereunder may appeal to the Board of Tax
25 Appeals~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ pursuant to KRS 49.220.

26 ➔Section 72. KRS 138.195 is amended to read as follows:

27 (1) (a) No person other than a manufacturer shall acquire cigarettes in this state on

1 which the Kentucky cigarette tax has not been paid, nor act as a resident
2 wholesaler, nonresident wholesaler, vending machine operator, sub-jobber,
3 transporter or unclassified acquirer of such cigarettes without first obtaining a
4 license from the department as set out in this section.

5 (b) No person shall act as a distributor of tobacco products or vapor products
6 without first obtaining a license from the department as set out in this section.

7 (c) For licenses effective for periods beginning on or after July 1, 2015, no
8 individual, entity, or any other group or combination acting as a unit may be
9 eligible to obtain a license under this section if the individual, or any partner,
10 director, principal officer, or manager of the entity or any other group or
11 combination acting as a unit has been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty
12 or nolo contendere to:

13 1. A crime relating to the reporting, distribution, sale, or taxation of
14 cigarettes, tobacco products, or vapor products; or

15 2. A crime involving fraud, falsification of records, improper business
16 transactions or reporting;

17 for ten (10) years from the expiration of probation or final discharge from
18 parole or maximum expiration of sentence.

19 (2) (a) Each resident wholesaler shall secure a separate license for each place of
20 business at which cigarette tax evidence is affixed or at which cigarettes on
21 which the Kentucky cigarette tax has not been paid are received.

22 (b) Each nonresident wholesaler shall secure a separate license for each place of
23 business at which evidence of Kentucky cigarette tax is affixed or from where
24 Kentucky cigarette tax is reported and paid.

25 (c) Each license shall be secured on or before July 1 of each year.

26 (d) Each licensee shall pay the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for each year,
27 or portion thereof, for which each license is secured.

- 1 (3) (a) Each sub-jobber shall secure a separate license for each place of business from
2 which cigarettes, upon which the cigarette tax has been paid, are made
3 available to retailers, whether the place of business is located within or
4 without this state.
- 5 (b) Each license shall be secured on or before July 1 of each year.
- 6 (c) Each licensee shall pay the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for each year,
7 or portion thereof, for which each license is secured.
- 8 (4) (a) Each vending machine operator shall secure a license for the privilege of
9 dispensing cigarettes, on which the cigarette tax has been paid, by vending
10 machines.
- 11 (b) Each license shall be secured on or before July 1 of each year.
- 12 (c) Each licensee shall pay the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each year, or
13 portion thereof, for which each license is secured.
- 14 (d) No vending machine shall be operated within this Commonwealth without
15 having prominently affixed thereto the name of its operator and the license
16 number assigned to that operator by the department.
- 17 (e) The department shall prescribe by administrative regulation the manner in
18 which the information shall be affixed to the vending machine.
- 19 (5) (a) Each transporter shall secure a license for the privilege of transporting
20 cigarettes within this state.
- 21 (b) Each license shall be secured on or before July 1 of each year.
- 22 (c) Each licensee shall pay the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) for each year, or portion
23 thereof, for which each license is secured.
- 24 (d) No transporter shall transport any cigarettes without having in actual
25 possession an invoice or bill of lading therefor, showing:
- 26 1. The name and address of the consignor and consignee;
27 2. The date acquired by the transporter;

- 1 3. The name and address of the transporter;
 - 2 4. The quantity of cigarettes being transported; and
 - 3 5. The license number assigned to the transporter by the department.
- 4 (6) Each unclassified acquirer shall secure a license for the privilege of acquiring
5 cigarettes on which the cigarette tax has not been paid. The license shall be secured
6 on or before July 1 of each year. Each licensee shall pay the sum of fifty dollars
7 (\$50) for each year, or portion thereof, for which the license is secured.
- 8 (7) (a) 1. Each distributor shall secure a license for the privilege of selling tobacco
9 products or vapor products in this state. Each license shall be secured on
10 or before July 1 of each year, and each licensee shall pay the sum of five
11 hundred dollars (\$500) for each year, or portion thereof, for which the
12 license is secured.
- 13 2. a. A resident wholesaler, nonresident wholesaler, or subjobber
14 licensed under this section may also obtain and maintain a
15 distributor's license at each place of business at no additional cost
16 each year.
- 17 b. An unclassified acquirer licensed under this section may also
18 obtain and maintain a distributor's license for the privilege of
19 selling tobacco products or vapor products in this state. The license
20 shall be secured on or before July 1 of each year, and each licensee
21 shall pay the sum of four hundred fifty dollars (\$450) for each
22 year, or portion thereof, for which the license is secured.
- 23 3. The department may, upon application, grant a distributor's license to a
24 person other than a retailer and who is not otherwise required to hold a
25 distributor's license under this paragraph. If the department grants the
26 license, the licensee shall pay the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for
27 each year, or portion thereof, for which the license is secured, and the

1 licensee shall be subject to the excise tax in the same manner and subject
2 to the same requirements as a distributor required to be licensed under
3 this paragraph.

4 (b) The department may, upon application, grant a retail distributor's license to a
5 retailer for the privilege of purchasing tobacco products or vapor products
6 from a distributor not licensed by the department. If the department grants the
7 license, the licensee shall pay the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) for each
8 year, or portion thereof, for which the license is secured.

9 (8) Nothing in KRS 138.130 to 138.205 shall be construed to prevent the department
10 from requiring a person to purchase more than one (1) license if the nature of that
11 person's business is so diversified as to justify the requirement.

12 (9) (a) The department may by administrative regulation require any person
13 requesting a license or holding a license under this section to supply such
14 information concerning his business, sales or any privilege exercised, as is
15 deemed reasonably necessary for the regulation of the licensees, and to protect
16 the revenues of the state.

17 (b) Failure on the part of the applicant or licensee to:

18 1. Comply with KRS 131.600 to 131.630, 138.130 to 138.205, 248.752, or
19 248.754 or any administrative regulations promulgated thereunder; or

20 2. Permit an inspection of premises, machines, or vehicles by an authorized
21 agent of the department at any reasonable time;

22 shall be grounds for the denial or revocation of any license issued by the
23 department, after due notice and a hearing by the department.

24 (c) The commissioner may assign a time and place for the hearing and may
25 appoint a conferee who shall conduct a hearing, receive evidence, and hear
26 arguments.

27 (d) The conferee shall thereupon file a report with the commissioner together with

- 1 a recommendation as to the denial or revocation of the license.
- 2 (e) From any denial or revocation made by the commissioner on the report, the
3 licensee may prosecute an appeal to the Board of Tax Appeals~~Kentucky~~
4 ~~Claims Commission~~ pursuant to KRS 49.220.
- 5 (f) Any person whose license has been revoked for the willful violation of any
6 provision of KRS 131.600 to 131.630, 138.130 to 138.205, 248.752, or
7 248.754 or any administrative regulations promulgated thereunder shall not be
8 entitled to any license provided for in this section, or have any interest in any
9 license, either disclosed or undisclosed, either as an individual, partnership,
10 corporation or otherwise, for a period of two (2) years after the revocation.
- 11 (10) No license issued pursuant to this section shall be transferable or negotiable except
12 that a license may be transferred between an individual and a corporation, if that
13 individual is the exclusive owner of that corporation, or between a subsidiary
14 corporation and its parent corporation.
- 15 (11) Every manufacturer located or doing business in this state and the first person to
16 import cigarettes into this state shall keep written records of all shipments of
17 cigarettes to persons within this state, and shall submit to the department monthly
18 reports of such shipments. All books, records, invoices, and documents required by
19 this section shall be preserved in a form prescribed by the department for not less
20 than four (4) years from the making of the records unless the department authorizes,
21 in writing, the destruction of the records.
- 22 (12) No person licensed under this section except nonresident wholesalers shall either
23 sell to or purchase from any other such licensee untax-paid cigarettes.
- 24 (13) (a) Licensed distributors of tobacco products or vapor products shall pay and
25 report the tobacco products tax or vapor products tax on or before the
26 twentieth day of the calendar month following the month in which the
27 possession or title of the tobacco products or vapor products are transferred

1 from the licensed distributor to retailers or consumers in this state, as the case
2 may be.

3 (b) Retailers who have applied for and been granted a retail distributor's license
4 for the privilege of purchasing tobacco products or vapor products from a
5 person who is not a distributor licensed under KRS 138.195(7)(a) shall report
6 and pay the tobacco products tax or vapor products tax on or before the
7 twentieth day of the calendar month following the month in which the
8 products are acquired by the licensed retail distributors.

9 (c) If the distributor or retail distributor timely reports and pays the tax due, the
10 distributor or retail distributor may deduct an amount equal to one percent
11 (1%) of the tax due.

12 (d) The department shall promulgate administrative regulations setting forth the
13 details of the reporting requirements.

14 (14) A tax return shall be filed for each reporting period whether or not tax is due.

15 (15) Any license issued by the department under this section shall not be construed to
16 waive or condone any violation that occurred or may have occurred prior to the
17 issuance of the license and shall not prevent subsequent proceedings against the
18 licensee.

19 (16) (a) The department may deny the issuance of a license under this section if:

- 20 1. The applicant has made any material false statement on the application
21 for the license; or
- 22 2. The applicant has violated any provision of KRS 131.600 to 131.630,
23 138.130 to 138.205, 248.754, or 248.756 or any administrative
24 regulations promulgated thereunder.

25 (b) If the department denies the applicant a license under this section, the
26 department shall notify the applicant of the grounds for the denial, and the
27 applicant may request a hearing and appeal the denial as provided in

1 subsection (9) of this section.

2 ➔Section 73. KRS 138.340 is amended to read as follows:

3 (1) If any dealer or transporter required to be licensed under KRS 138.310 files a false
4 report of the data or information required by KRS 138.210 to 138.280, or fails,
5 refuses or neglects to file the reports required by those sections, even though no tax
6 is due, or to pay the full amount of tax as required by those sections, or fails to meet
7 the qualifications of a dealer as set out in KRS 138.210, or violates any other
8 provision of this chapter, the license of the dealer or transporter may be revoked by
9 the Department of Revenue. The licensee shall be notified by certified or registered
10 letter or summons. The letter or summons shall apprise the licensee of the charge or
11 charges made against him and he shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard
12 before his license may be revoked. The summons may be served in the same
13 manner and by the same officers or persons as provided by the Rules of Civil
14 Procedure, or it may be served in that manner by an employee of the Department of
15 Revenue. The hearing shall be set at least five (5) days after the summons is served
16 or the letter delivered. Any aggrieved licensee may appeal from an order of
17 revocation by the Department of Revenue to the Board of Tax Appeals~~Kentucky~~
18 ~~Claims Commission~~ pursuant to KRS 49.220, subject to the condition that the
19 licensee has made bond sufficient in the opinion of the Department of Revenue to
20 protect the Commonwealth from loss of revenue.

21 (2) The department may cancel the license:

22 (a) Upon request in writing from the licensee, the cancellation to become
23 effective sixty (60) days from the date of receipt of the request; or

24 (b) Upon determination that the licensee has had no reportable activity in
25 Kentucky for at least the immediately preceding six (6) consecutive monthly
26 reporting periods.

27 ➔Section 74. KRS 138.354 is amended to read as follows:

- 1 (1) No person shall make a false or fraudulent statement in an application for a refund
2 permit or in a gasoline or special fuel refund invoice, or in an application for a
3 refund of any taxes as set out in KRS 138.344 to 138.355; or fraudulently obtain a
4 refund of such taxes; or knowingly aid or assist in making any such false or
5 fraudulent statement or claim; or having bought gasoline or special fuel under the
6 provisions of KRS 138.344 to 138.355, shall use or permit such gasoline or special
7 fuel or any part thereof to be used for any purpose other than as provided in KRS
8 138.344.
- 9 (2) The refund permit of any person who shall violate any provision of subsection (1) of
10 this section may be revoked by the Department of Revenue subject to appeal to the
11 **Board of Tax Appeals**~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ pursuant to KRS 49.220,
12 and may not be reissued until two (2) years have elapsed from the date of such
13 revocation.
- 14 (3) The refund permit of any person who shall violate any provision of KRS 138.344 to
15 138.355, other than those contained in subsection (1) of this section, may be
16 suspended by the Department of Revenue for any period in its discretion not
17 exceeding six (6) months with the right of appeal to the **Board of Tax**
18 **Appeals**~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ pursuant to KRS 49.220.
- 19 (4) If a dealer violates any provision of KRS 138.344 to 138.355, his privilege to sign
20 refund invoices may be suspended by the Department of Revenue for a period of not
21 more than two (2) years subject to appeal to the **Board of Tax Appeals**~~[Kentucky~~
22 ~~Claims Commission]~~ pursuant to KRS 49.220. No refund shall be made on gasoline
23 or special fuel purchased from a dealer while a suspension of his privilege to sign
24 refund invoices is in effect.

25 ➔Section 75. KRS 138.355 is amended to read as follows:

26 If the department reasonably believes that any dealer or refund permit holder has been
27 guilty of a violation of KRS 138.344 to 138.355, which would subject the dealer or

1 permit holder to a suspension or revocation of his license or permit under the provisions
2 of subsections (2), (3) or (4) of KRS 138.354, said dealer or permit holder may be cited
3 by the department to show cause at a public hearing before the Department of Revenue
4 why his license or permit should not be suspended or revoked. The dealer or refund
5 permit holder shall be notified by certified or registered letter. The letter shall inform the
6 dealer or refund permit holder of the charge or charges made against him and he shall
7 have a reasonable opportunity to be heard before his license or permit may be revoked or
8 suspended. The hearing shall be set at least five (5) days after the receipt of the letter. Any
9 aggrieved dealer or refund permit holder may appeal any order entered to the **Board of**
10 **Tax Appeals**~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ pursuant to KRS 49.220, subject to the
11 condition that he make bond sufficient in the opinion of the department to protect the
12 Commonwealth from loss of revenue.

13 ➔Section 76. KRS 138.729 is amended to read as follows:

14 Any final ruling of the Department of Vehicle Regulation with regard to the
15 administration of KRS 138.655 to 138.725 shall be appealed to the **Board of Tax**
16 **Appeals**~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ pursuant to KRS 49.220.

17 ➔Section 77. KRS 150.645 is amended to read as follows:

18 (1) An owner, lessee or occupant of premises who gives permission to another person
19 to hunt, fish, trap, camp or hike upon the premises shall owe no duty to keep the
20 premises safe for entry or use by the person or to give warning of any hazardous
21 conditions on the premises, and the owner, lessee, or occupant, by giving his
22 permission, does not thereby extend any assurance that the premises are safe for
23 such purpose, or constitute the person to whom permission is granted an invitee to
24 whom a duty of care is owed. The owner, lessee, or occupant giving permission for
25 any of the purposes stated above shall not be liable for any injury to any person or
26 property caused by the negligent acts of any person to whom permission is granted.
27 This section shall not limit the liability which would otherwise exist for willful and

1 malicious failure to guard or to warn against a dangerous condition, use, structure,
2 or activity; or for injury suffered in any case where permission to hunt, fish, trap,
3 camp, or hike was granted for a consideration other than the consideration, if any, as
4 set forth in KRS 411.190(1)(d), paid to said owner, lessee, or occupant by the state.
5 The word "premises" as used in this section includes lands, private ways, and any
6 buildings and structures thereon. Nothing in this section limits in any way any
7 liability which otherwise exists.

8 (2) Department employees who participate in bona fide wildlife management practices
9 are agents of the department and state and, in the event property damage does occur,
10 a claim for property damages may only be brought in the Board of
11 Claims~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ pursuant to KRS 49.040 to 49.180.

12 ➔Section 78. KRS 186.070 is amended to read as follows:

13 (1) (a) Every manufacturer of, or dealer in, motor vehicles in this state shall register
14 with each county clerk in which his principal office or place of business and
15 branch office, sub-agent, or agency is located, and pay an annual registration
16 fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) to each clerk.

17 (b) Upon receipt of the twenty-five dollar (\$25) fee, the clerk shall issue the
18 manufacturer or dealer a certificate of registration and one (1) dealer plate.
19 Every manufacturer or dealer registered under this section shall be furnished
20 additional dealer's plates upon the payment of fourteen dollars and fifty cents
21 (\$14.50) for each additional plate requested. Three dollars (\$3) shall be
22 retained by the clerk for each additional plate issued.

23 (c) A motor vehicle bearing dealer's plates may be used on the highways only by
24 the following people:

- 25 1. A licensed dealer, bona fide salesman, or employee of the dealer;
- 26 2. A manufacturer or dealer licensed pursuant to the laws of this state
27 transporting a motor vehicle to his place of retail business from a

1 manufacturer or wholesale dealer in motor vehicles; and

2 3. A bona fide customer of a licensed dealer, or the customer's employees
3 when a motor vehicle is being demonstrated. This provision shall be
4 limited to one (1) trip or demonstration to the same prospective
5 customer.

6 (d) License plates issued under this section shall annually expire on December 31.

7 (e) As used in this section, "bona fide salesman or employee" means a licensed
8 salesman, or an employee, who is actively engaged in and devotes a
9 substantial part of his time to the conduct of the dealer business.

10 (f) A vehicle bearing a dealer plate, except when the vehicle is being transported
11 to a dealer's place of business from a manufacturer, shall have, in the case of a
12 new motor vehicle, a "monroney" sticker attached to the vehicle, or, in the
13 case of a used motor vehicle, a Federal Trade Commission buyer's guide
14 sticker attached to the vehicle.

15 (2) (a) Each manufacturer and dealer when making application for dealer's plates
16 shall file a verified statement on at least a quarterly basis with the county
17 clerk, giving the name, address, and Social Security number of each dealer,
18 and each bona fide salesman or employee entitled to the use of the plates for
19 demonstration purposes only. When any bona fide registered salesman or
20 employee is no longer employed by the manufacturer or dealer, the
21 manufacturer or dealer shall file an amended verified statement with the clerk
22 stating that fact, and when any additional salesmen or employees are
23 employed, an amended verified statement showing their names and addresses
24 shall be filed with the clerk so that the records in the clerk's office will at all
25 times show the bona fide salesmen and employees actually in the service of
26 the registered dealer or manufacturer;

27 (b) The names of each dealer and each bona fide salesman and employee shall be

- 1 entered by the clerk into the AVIS where it will be readily available to law
2 enforcement agencies. The information shall be entered by the clerk
3 immediately after each quarterly filing of the verified statement by the dealer;
- 4 (c) Any person who is hired as a driver by a motor vehicle dealer for the limited,
5 specific purpose of transporting a motor vehicle to or from that dealer's place
6 of business may, for that purpose only, operate a motor vehicle bearing a
7 dealer plate. For the purpose of that operation, the dealer shall provide to that
8 driver a permit, provided by the Transportation Cabinet. The permit shall be
9 valid for five (5) days from the date of issuance. A fee shall not be charged for
10 the permit.
- 11 (3) The license of any dealer or manufacturer may be revoked by the Transportation
12 Cabinet for the violation of any of the provisions of this section. The manufacturer
13 or dealer shall be given an opportunity to be heard in defense of the charge that he
14 has violated any of the provisions of this section, and the Transportation Cabinet
15 shall promulgate administrative regulations governing the revocation procedure. A
16 manufacturer or dealer whose license is revoked may appeal the revocation to the
17 Board of Tax Appeals~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ pursuant to KRS 49.220.
18 The manufacturer or dealer whose license has been suspended shall be prohibited
19 from engaging in the business of selling or buying motor vehicles. The license of
20 any manufacturer or dealer shall be revoked for a period of one (1) year and his
21 dealer's plates canceled if he violates any of the provisions of this section during
22 this suspension period or has been suspended by the cabinet more than twice for
23 violations of this section. At the end of the revocation or suspension period the
24 manufacturer or dealer whose license has been revoked or suspended and dealer's
25 plates canceled may follow the provisions of this section and again be registered
26 and secure dealer's plates from the clerk.
- 27 (4) The Transportation Cabinet shall be responsible for the issuance and cancellation of

1 the plates provided for in this section, and the motor vehicle commission shall be
2 responsible for the enforcement of this section, except for the normal
3 responsibilities of law enforcement agencies. The cabinet may promulgate
4 administrative regulations pertaining to the administration of this section.

5 ➔Section 79. KRS 211.392 is amended to read as follows:

6 (1) Application for a fluidized bed combustion technology tax exemption certificate
7 shall be filed with the Department of Revenue in the manner and form prescribed by
8 the Department of Revenue and shall contain plans and specifications of the
9 fluidized bed combustion unit including all materials incorporated and to be
10 incorporated therein and a descriptive list of all equipment acquired or to be
11 acquired by the applicant for the purpose of installing a fluidized bed combustion
12 unit to reduce the sulfur emissions from coal combustion and any additional
13 information deemed useful by the Department of Revenue for the proper
14 administration of this section. If the Department of Revenue finds that the facility
15 qualifies as a fluidized bed energy production facility, it shall enter a finding and
16 issue a certificate to that effect. The effective date of the certificate shall be the date
17 of issuance of the certificate.

18 (2) Before the denial, revocation, or modification of a fluidized bed combustion
19 technology tax exemption certificate, the Department of Revenue shall give the
20 applicant written notice and shall afford the applicant an opportunity for a
21 conference. The conference shall take place within sixty (60) days following
22 notification. The Department of Revenue shall on its own initiative revoke the
23 certificate when any of the following appears:

24 (a) The certificate was obtained by fraud or misrepresentation;

25 (b) The holder of the certificate has failed substantially to proceed with the
26 construction, reconstruction, installation, or acquisition of the fluidized bed
27 combustion unit; or

- 1 (c) The fluidized combustion unit to which the certificate relates has ceased to be
2 the major energy source for the primary operations of the plant facility.
- 3 (3) If the circumstances so require, the Department of Revenue, in lieu of revoking the
4 certificate, may modify it.
- 5 (4) On mailing of notice of the action of the Department of Revenue revoking or
6 modifying a certificate as provided in subsection (5) of this section, the certificate
7 shall cease to be in force or shall remain in force only as modified as the case may
8 require.
- 9 (5) A fluidized bed combustion technology tax exemption certificate, when issued,
10 shall be sent by certified mail to the applicant. Notice of an order of the Department
11 of Revenue denying, revoking, or modifying a certificate in the form of certified
12 copies shall be sent by certified mail to the applicant or the holder.
- 13 (6) The applicant or holder of the certificate aggrieved by the refusal to issue,
14 revocation, or modification of a fluidized bed combustion technology tax exemption
15 certificate may appeal from the final ruling of the Department of Revenue to the
16 **Board of Tax Appeals**~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ pursuant to KRS 49.220.
- 17 (7) In the event of the sale, lease, or other transfer of a fluidized bed combustion unit,
18 not involving a different location or use, the holder of the fluidized bed construction
19 technology tax exemption certificate for the facility may transfer the certificate by
20 written instrument to the person who, except for the transfer of the certificate,
21 would be obligated to pay taxes on the facilities. The transferee shall become the
22 holder of the certificate and shall have all rights pertaining thereto, effective as the
23 date of transfer, together with a copy of the instrument of transfer to the Department
24 of Revenue.
- 25 (8) In the event a fluidized bed combustion unit for which an exemption certificate is
26 held ceases to be used for the purpose of generating energy or is used for a purpose
27 other than that for which the exemption certificate was granted, the holder of the

1 certificate shall give written notice by certified mail of such change to the
2 Department of Revenue.

3 (9) The fluidized bed combustion technology tax exemption certificate, upon approval,
4 shall exempt the facilities from taxes outlined in the provision of this section and
5 KRS Chapters 132, 136, 138, and 139. Each exemption certificate shall remain in
6 force for a period of eight (8) years from the date of issuance and at the end of said
7 period shall lapse. Any fluidized bed combustion unit previously exempt under the
8 terms of this section shall not be eligible for recertification upon completion of the
9 eight (8) year certificate period.

10 ➔Section 80. KRS 216B.400 is amended to read as follows:

11 (1) Where a person has been determined to be in need of emergency care by any person
12 with admitting authority, no such person shall be denied admission by reason only
13 of his or her inability to pay for services to be rendered by the hospital.

14 (2) Every hospital of this state which offers emergency services shall provide that a
15 physician, a sexual assault nurse examiner, who shall be a registered nurse licensed
16 in the Commonwealth and credentialed by the Kentucky Board of Nursing as
17 provided under KRS 314.142, or another qualified medical professional, as defined
18 by administrative regulation promulgated by the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet
19 in consultation with the Sexual Assault Response Team Advisory Committee as
20 defined in KRS 403.707, is available on call twenty-four (24) hours each day for the
21 examinations of persons seeking treatment as victims of sexual offenses as defined
22 by KRS 510.040, 510.050, 510.060, 510.070, 510.080, 510.090, 510.110, 510.120,
23 510.130, 510.140, 530.020, 530.064(1)(a), and 531.310.

24 (3) An examination provided in accordance with this section of a victim of a sexual
25 offense may be performed in a sexual assault examination facility as defined in
26 KRS 216B.015. An examination under this section shall apply only to an
27 examination of a victim.

1 (4) The physician, sexual assault nurse examiner, or other qualified medical
2 professional, acting under a statewide medical forensic protocol which shall be
3 developed by the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet in consultation with the Sexual
4 Assault Response Team Advisory Committee as defined in KRS 403.707, and
5 promulgated by the secretary of justice and public safety pursuant to KRS Chapter
6 13A shall, upon the request of any peace officer or prosecuting attorney, and with
7 the consent of the victim, or upon the request of the victim, examine such person for
8 the purposes of providing basic medical care relating to the incident and gathering
9 samples that may be used as physical evidence. This examination shall include but
10 not be limited to:

11 (a) Basic treatment and sample gathering services; and

12 (b) Laboratory tests, as appropriate.

13 (5) Each victim shall be informed of available services for treatment of sexually
14 transmitted infections, pregnancy, and other medical and psychiatric problems.
15 Pregnancy counseling shall not include abortion counseling or referral information.

16 (6) Each victim shall be informed of available crisis intervention or other mental health
17 services provided by regional rape crisis centers providing services to victims of
18 sexual assault.

19 (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a minor may consent to examination
20 under this section. This consent is not subject to disaffirmance because of minority,
21 and consent of the parents or guardians of the minor is not required for the
22 examination.

23 (8) (a) The examinations provided in accordance with this section shall be paid for by
24 the *Crime Victims Compensation Board*~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ at a
25 rate to be determined by the administrative regulation promulgated by the
26 board after consultation with the Sexual Assault Response Team Advisory
27 Committee as defined in KRS 403.707.

- 1 (b) Upon receipt of a completed claim form supplied by the board and an
2 itemized billing for a forensic sexual assault examination or related services
3 that are within the scope of practice of the respective provider and were
4 performed no more than twelve (12) months prior to submission of the form,
5 the board shall reimburse the hospital or sexual assault examination facility,
6 pharmacist, health department, physician, sexual assault nurse examiner, or
7 other qualified medical professional as provided in administrative regulations
8 promulgated by the board pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A. Reimbursement
9 shall be made to an out-of-state nurse who is credentialed in the other state to
10 provide sexual assault examinations, an out-of-state hospital, or an out-of-
11 state physician if the sexual assault occurred in Kentucky.
- 12 (c) Independent investigation by the Crime Victims Compensation
13 Board~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ shall not be required for payment of
14 claims under this section; however, the board may require additional
15 documentation or proof that the forensic medical examination was performed.
- 16 (9) No charge shall be made to the victim for sexual assault examinations by the
17 hospital, the sexual assault examination facility, the physician, the pharmacist, the
18 health department, the sexual assault nurse examiner, other qualified medical
19 professional, the victim's insurance carrier, or the Commonwealth.
- 20 (10) (a) Each victim shall have the right to determine whether a report or other
21 notification shall be made to law enforcement, except where reporting of
22 abuse and neglect of a child or a vulnerable adult is required, as set forth in
23 KRS 209.030 and 620.030. No victim shall be denied an examination because
24 the victim chooses not to file a police report, cooperate with law enforcement,
25 or otherwise participate in the criminal justice system.
- 26 (b) If the victim chooses to report to law enforcement, the hospital shall notify
27 law enforcement within twenty-four (24) hours.

- 1 (c) 1. All samples collected during an exam where the victim has chosen not
2 to immediately report to law enforcement shall be stored, released, and
3 destroyed, if appropriate, in accordance with an administrative
4 regulation promulgated by the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet in
5 consultation with the Sexual Assault Response Team Advisory
6 Committee as defined in KRS 403.707.
- 7 2. Facilities collecting samples pursuant to this section may provide the
8 required secure storage, sample destruction, and related activities, or
9 may enter into agreements with other agencies qualified to do so,
10 pursuant to administrative regulation.
- 11 3. All samples collected pursuant to this section shall be stored for at least
12 one (1) year from the date of collection in accordance with the
13 administrative regulation promulgated pursuant to this subsection.
- 14 4. Notwithstanding KRS 524.140, samples collected during exams where
15 the victim chose not to report immediately or file a report within one (1)
16 year after collection may be destroyed as set forth in accordance with the
17 administrative regulation promulgated pursuant to this subsection. The
18 victim shall be informed of this process at the time of the examination.
19 No hospital, sexual assault examination facility, or designated storage
20 facility shall be liable for destruction of samples after the required
21 storage period has expired.

22 ➔Section 81. KRS 224.1-310 is amended to read as follows:

- 23 (1) Application for a pollution control tax exemption certificate shall be filed with the
24 Department of Revenue in such manner and in such form as may be prescribed by
25 regulations issued by the Department of Revenue and shall contain plans and
26 specifications of the structure or structures including all materials incorporated and
27 to be incorporated therein and a descriptive list of all equipment acquired or to be

1 acquired by the applicant for the purpose of air, noise, waste or water pollution
2 control and any additional information deemed necessary by the Department of
3 Revenue for the proper administration of Acts 1974, Chapter 137. The cabinet shall
4 provide technical assistance and factual information as requested in writing by the
5 Department of Revenue. If the Department of Revenue finds that the facility
6 qualifies as a pollution control facility as defined in KRS 224.1-300(1), it shall enter
7 a finding and issue a certificate to that effect. The effective date of said certificate
8 shall be the date of the making of the application for such certificate.

9 (2) Before issuing a pollution control tax exemption certificate, the Department of
10 Revenue shall give notice in writing by mail to the secretary of the cabinet, and
11 shall afford to the applicant and to the secretary of the cabinet an opportunity for a
12 hearing. On like notice and opportunity for a hearing, the Department of Revenue
13 shall on its own initiative revoke such certificate whenever any of the following
14 appears:

15 (a) The certificate was obtained by fraud or misrepresentation;

16 (b) The holder of the certificate has failed substantially to proceed with the
17 construction, reconstruction, installation, or acquisition of the pollution
18 control facilities; or

19 (c) The structure or equipment or both to which the certificate relates has ceased
20 to be used for the primary purpose of pollution control and is being used for a
21 different purpose.

22 (3) Provided, however, that where the circumstances so require, the Department of
23 Revenue in lieu of revoking such certificate may modify the same.

24 (4) On the mailing of notice of the action of the Department of Revenue revoking or
25 modifying a certificate as provided in subsection (5) of this section, such certificate
26 shall cease to be in force or shall remain in force only as modified as the case may
27 require.

- 1 (5) A pollution control tax exemption certificate, when issued, shall be sent by certified
2 mail to the applicant and notice of such issuance in the form of certified copies
3 thereof shall be sent to the secretary of the cabinet. Notice of an order of the
4 Department of Revenue denying, revoking, or modifying a certificate in the form of
5 certified copies thereof shall be sent by certified mail to the applicant or the holder
6 thereof and shall be sent to the secretary of the cabinet. The applicant or holder and
7 the secretary of the cabinet are deemed parties for the purpose of the review
8 afforded by subsection (6) of this section.
- 9 (6) Any party aggrieved by the issuance, refusal to issue, revocation, or modification of
10 a pollution control tax exemption certificate may appeal from the final ruling of the
11 Department of Revenue to the Board of Tax Appeals~~[Kentucky Claims~~
12 ~~Commission]~~ pursuant to KRS 49.220.
- 13 (7) In the event of the sale, lease, or other transfer of a pollution control facility, not
14 involving a different location or use, the holder of a pollution control tax exemption
15 certificate for such facility may transfer the certificate by written instrument to the
16 person who, except for the transfer of the certificate, would be obligated to pay
17 taxes on such facility. The transferee shall become the holder of the certificate and
18 shall have all rights pertaining thereto, effective as of the date of transfer of the
19 facility or the date of transfer of the certificate, whichever is earlier. The transferee
20 shall give written notice of the effective date of the transfer, together with a copy of
21 the instrument of transfer to the cabinet and to the Department of Revenue.
- 22 (8) In the event a pollution control facility for which an exemption certificate is held
23 ceases to be used for the primary purpose of pollution control or is used for a
24 different purpose than that for which the exemption certificate was granted, the
25 holder of the certificate shall give written notice by certified mail of such change to
26 the cabinet and to the Department of Revenue.
- 27 ➔Section 82. KRS 234.350 is amended to read as follows:

- 1 (1) If a licensee at any time files a false monthly report of the information required, or
2 fails or refuses to file the monthly report or to pay the full amount of the tax or
3 violates any other provision of KRS 234.310 to 234.440, without a showing that the
4 failure was due to reasonable cause, the department may cancel the license and
5 suspend the privilege of acting as a liquefied petroleum gas motor fuel dealer.
- 6 (2) Upon voluntary surrender of the license or upon receipt of a written request by a
7 licensee, the department may cancel his license, effective sixty (60) days from the
8 date of request, but no license shall be canceled upon surrender or request unless the
9 licensee has, prior to the date of cancellation, paid to this state all taxes, penalties,
10 interest, and fines that are due or have accrued, and unless the licensee has
11 surrendered to the department his license.
- 12 (3) If upon investigation the department ascertains that any person to whom a license
13 has been issued is no longer engaged as a liquefied petroleum gas motor fuel dealer
14 or a liquefied petroleum gas motor fuel user-seller, and has not been so engaged for
15 a period of six (6) months, the department may cancel the license by giving the
16 person sixty (60) days' notice of cancellation, mailed to his last known address in
17 which event the license shall be surrendered to the department.
- 18 (4) Whenever a licensee ceases to engage in business within this state, he shall notify
19 the department in writing within fifteen (15) days after discontinuance. All taxes
20 that have accrued under KRS 234.310 to 234.440, whether or not then due, shall
21 become due and payable concurrently with the discontinuance. The licensee shall
22 make a report and pay all such taxes and any interest and penalties thereon, and
23 shall surrender to the department his license.
- 24 (5) If the department takes action to cancel a license as provided in this section, the
25 licensee shall be notified by certified or registered letter or summons of the charges
26 against him, and he shall be afforded an opportunity for an informal hearing on the
27 matter. The hearing shall be set at least five (5) days from the date the letter is

1 delivered or the summons is served. Any licensee aggrieved by a decision to cancel
2 his license after the informal hearing may appeal the decision to the **Board of Tax**
3 **Appeals**~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ pursuant to KRS 49.220 where he shall be
4 granted an administrative hearing in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B.

5 (6) If the license is canceled by the department as provided in this section, and if the
6 licensee has paid to this state all taxes, interest, and penalties under KRS 234.310 to
7 234.440, the department shall cancel the bond filed by the licensee.

8 ➔Section 83. KRS 247.920 is amended to read as follows:

9 (1) Application for an alcohol production exemption certificate shall be filed with the
10 Department of Revenue in such manner and in such form as may be prescribed by
11 regulations issued by the Department of Revenue and shall contain plans and
12 specifications of the structure or structures including all materials incorporated and
13 to be incorporated therein and a descriptive list of all equipment acquired or to be
14 acquired by the applicant for the purpose of producing ethanol for fuel use and any
15 additional information deemed necessary by the Department of Revenue for the
16 proper administration of KRS 247.910 and this section. The Office of Energy Policy
17 shall provide technical assistance and factual information as requested in writing by
18 the Department of Revenue. If the Department of Revenue finds that the facility
19 qualifies as an alcohol production facility as defined by KRS 247.910, it shall enter
20 a finding and issue a certificate to that effect. The effective date of the certificate
21 shall be the date of issuance of the certificate.

22 (2) Before issuing an alcohol production tax exemption certificate, the Department of
23 Revenue shall give notice in writing by mail to the Office of Energy Policy, and
24 shall afford to the applicant and to the Office of Energy Policy an opportunity for a
25 hearing. On like notice and opportunity for a hearing, the Department of Revenue
26 shall on its own initiative revoke the certificate when any of the following appears:

27 (a) The certificate was obtained by fraud or misrepresentation;

- 1 (b) The holder of the certificate has failed substantially to proceed with the
2 construction, reconstruction, installation, or acquisition of the alcohol
3 production facilities; or
- 4 (c) The structure or equipment or both to which the certificate relates has ceased
5 to be used for the primary purpose of alcohol production for fuel use and is
6 being used for a different purpose.
- 7 (3) If the circumstances so require, the Department of Revenue, in lieu of revoking the
8 certificate, may modify it.
- 9 (4) On mailing of notice of the action of the Department of Revenue revoking or
10 modifying a certificate as provided in subsection (5) of this section, the certificate
11 shall cease to be in force or shall remain in force only as modified as the case may
12 require.
- 13 (5) An alcohol production tax exemption certificate, when issued, shall be sent by
14 certified mail to the applicant and the notice of issuance in the form of certified
15 copies thereof shall be sent to the Office of Energy Policy. Notice of an order of the
16 Department of Revenue denying, revoking, or modifying a certificate in the form of
17 certified copies thereof shall be sent by certified mail to the applicant or the holder
18 and shall be sent to the Office of Energy Policy. The applicant or holder and the
19 Office of Energy Policy shall be deemed parties for the purpose of the review
20 afforded by subsection (6) of this section.
- 21 (6) Any party aggrieved by the issuance, refusal to issue, revocation, or modification of
22 an alcohol production tax exemption certificate may appeal from the final ruling of
23 the Department of Revenue to the Board of Tax Appeals~~[Kentucky Claims~~
24 ~~Commission]~~ pursuant to KRS 49.220.
- 25 (7) In the event of the sale, lease, or other transfer of an alcohol production facility, not
26 involving a different location or use, the holder of an alcohol production tax
27 exemption certificate for the facility may transfer the certificate by written

1 instrument to the person who, except for the transfer of the certificate, would be
 2 obligated to pay taxes on the facility. The transferee shall become the holder of the
 3 certificate and shall have all rights pertaining thereto, effective as of the date of
 4 transfer of the certificate. The transferee shall give written notice of the effective
 5 date of the transfer, together with a copy of the instrument of transfer to the Office
 6 of Energy Policy and the Department of Revenue.

7 (8) In the event an alcohol production facility for which an exemption certificate is held
 8 ceases to be used for the primary purpose of alcohol production for fuel use or is
 9 used for a different purpose other than that for which the exemption certificate was
 10 granted, the holder of the certificate shall give written notice by certified mail of the
 11 change to the Office of Energy Policy and to the Department of Revenue.

12 (9) The alcohol production facility exemption certificate, upon approval, shall exempt
 13 said facilities from taxes outlined in the provisions of KRS 247.910 and this section
 14 and included in KRS Chapters 132, 136, 138, and 139. Each exemption certificate
 15 shall remain in force for a period of eight (8) years from the date of issuance and at
 16 the end of said period shall lapse. Any alcohol production facility previously
 17 exempted under the terms of KRS 247.910 and this section shall not be eligible for
 18 recertification upon completion of the eight (8) year certificate period.

19 ➔Section 84. KRS 304.47-020 is amended to read as follows:

20 (1) For the purposes of this subtitle, a person or entity commits a "fraudulent insurance
 21 act" if he or she engages in any of the following, including but not limited to matters
 22 relating to workers' compensation:

23 (a) Knowingly and with intent to defraud or deceive presents, causes to be
 24 presented, or prepares with knowledge or belief that it will be presented to an
 25 insurer, ***Board of Claims***~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~, Special Fund, or
 26 any agent thereof:

27 1. Any written or oral statement as part of, or in support of, a claim for

- 1 payment or other benefit pursuant to an insurance policy or from a "self-
- 2 insurer" as defined by KRS Chapter 342, knowing that the statement
- 3 contains any false, incomplete, or misleading information concerning
- 4 any fact or thing material to a claim; or
- 5 2. Any statement as part of, or in support of, an application for an
- 6 insurance policy, for renewal, reinstatement, or replacement of
- 7 insurance, or in support of an application to a lender for money to pay a
- 8 premium, knowing that the statement contains any false, incomplete, or
- 9 misleading information concerning any fact or thing material to the
- 10 application;
- 11 (b) Knowingly and willfully transacts any contract, agreement, or instrument
- 12 which violates this title;
- 13 (c) Knowingly and with intent to defraud or deceive:
- 14 1. Receives money for the purpose of purchasing insurance, and fails to
- 15 obtain insurance;
- 16 2. Fails to make payment or disposition of money or voucher as defined in
- 17 KRS 304.17A-750, as required by agreement or legal obligation, that
- 18 comes into his or her possession while acting as a licensee under this
- 19 chapter;
- 20 3. Presents, causes to be presented, or prepares with knowledge or belief
- 21 that it will be presented to or by an insurer, or to the commissioner, any
- 22 statement, knowing that the statement contains any false, incomplete, or
- 23 misleading information concerning any material fact or thing, as part of,
- 24 or in support of one (1) or more of the following:
- 25 a. The rating of an insurance policy;
- 26 b. The financial condition of an insurer;
- 27 c. The formation, acquisition, merger, reconsolidation, dissolution, or

- 1 withdrawal from one (1) or more lines of insurance in all or part of
2 this Commonwealth by an insurer; or
3 d. A document filed with the commissioner; or
4 4. Engages in any of the following:
5 a. Solicitation or acceptance of new or renewal insurance risks on
6 behalf of an insolvent insurer; or
7 b. Removal, concealment, alteration, tampering, or destruction of
8 money, records, or any other property or assets of an insurer;
9 (d) Issues or knowingly presents fake or counterfeit insurance policies, certificates
10 of insurance, insurance identification cards, insurance binders, or any other
11 documents that purport to evidence insurance;
12 (e) Makes any false or fraudulent representation as to the death or disability of a
13 policy or certificate holder in any written statement or certificate for the
14 purpose of fraudulently obtaining money or benefit from an insurer;
15 (f) Engages in unauthorized insurance, as set forth in KRS 304.11-030; or
16 (g) Assists, abets, solicits, or conspires with another to commit a fraudulent
17 insurance act in violation of this subtitle.
18 (2) A person convicted of a violation of subsection (1) of this section shall be guilty of
19 a Class A misdemeanor, unless the aggregate of the claim, benefit, or money
20 referred to in subsection (1) of this section is:
21 (a) Five hundred dollars (\$500) or more but less than ten thousand dollars
22 (\$10,000), in which case it is a Class D felony;
23 (b) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or more but less than one million dollars
24 (\$1,000,000), in which case it is a Class C felony; or
25 (c) One million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more, in which case it is a Class B felony.
26 (3) A person, with the purpose to establish or maintain a criminal syndicate or to
27 facilitate any of its activities, shall be guilty of engaging in organized crime, a Class

1 B felony, if he or she engages in any of the activities set forth in KRS 506.120(1).

2 (4) A person convicted of a crime established in this section shall be punished by:

3 (a) Imprisonment for a term:

4 1. Not to exceed the period set forth in KRS 532.090 if the crime is a Class
5 A misdemeanor; or

6 2. Within the periods set forth in KRS 532.060 if the crime is a Class D, C,
7 or B felony;

8 (b) A fine, per occurrence, of:

9 1. For a misdemeanor, not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per
10 individual nor five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per corporation or twice
11 the amount of gain received as a result of the violation, whichever is
12 greater; or

13 2. For a felony, not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per
14 individual nor one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per corporation,
15 or twice the amount of gain received as a result of the violation;
16 whichever is greater; or

17 (c) Both imprisonment and a fine, as set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this
18 subsection.

19 (5) In addition to imprisonment, the assessment of a fine, or both, a person convicted of
20 a crime established in this section may be ordered to make restitution to any victim
21 who suffered a monetary loss due to any actions by that person which resulted in the
22 adjudication of guilt, and to the division for the cost of any investigation. The
23 amount of restitution shall equal the monetary value of the actual loss or twice the
24 amount of gain received as a result of the violation, whichever is greater.

25 (6) Any person damaged as a result of a violation of any provision of this section shall
26 have a cause of action to recover compensatory damages, plus all reasonable
27 investigation and litigation expenses, including attorneys' fees, at the trial and

1 appellate courts.

2 (7) The provisions of this section shall also apply to any agent, unauthorized insurer or
3 its agents or representatives, or surplus lines carrier who, with intent, injures,
4 defrauds, or deceives any claimant with regard to any claim. The claimant shall
5 have the right to recover the damages provided in subsection (6) of this section.

6 ➔Section 85. KRS 342.1231 is amended to read as follows:

7 (1) The funding commission may mail to the assessment payer a notice of any
8 assessment assessed by it. The assessment shall be final if not protested in writing
9 to the funding commission within thirty (30) days from the date of notice. Payment
10 for the assessment, penalty and interest, and expenses shall be received by the
11 funding commission within thirty (30) days from the date the notice becomes final.
12 The protest shall be accompanied by a supporting statement setting forth the
13 grounds upon which the protest is made. Upon written request, the funding
14 commission may extend the time for filing the supporting statement if it appears the
15 delay is necessary and unavoidable. The refusal of such extension may be reviewed
16 in the same manner as a protested assessment.

17 (2) After a timely protest has been filed, the assessment payer may request a conference
18 with the funding commission. The request shall be granted in writing stating the
19 date and time set for the conference. The assessment payer may appear in person or
20 by representative. Further conferences may be held by mutual agreement.

21 (3) After considering the assessment payer's protest, including any matters presented at
22 the final conference, the funding commission shall issue a final ruling on any matter
23 still in controversy, which shall be mailed to the assessment payer. The ruling shall
24 state that it is a final ruling of the funding commission, generally state the issues in
25 controversy, the funding commission's position thereon and set forth the procedure
26 for prosecuting an appeal to the Board of Tax Appeals~~Kentucky Claims~~
27 ~~Commission~~ pursuant to KRS 49.220.

- 1 (4) The assessment payer may request in writing a final ruling at any time after filing a
2 timely protest and supporting statement. When a final ruling is requested, the
3 funding commission shall issue such ruling within sixty (60) days or at the next
4 board of directors meeting, whichever is later, from the date the request is received
5 by the funding commission.
- 6 (5) After a final ruling has been issued, the assessment payer may appeal to the **Board**
7 **of Tax Appeals**~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ pursuant to KRS 49.220.
- 8 (6) The expenses incurred by the funding commission in conducting audits required in
9 this chapter shall be paid by the audited entities in accordance with administrative
10 regulations promulgated by the funding commission.
- 11 (7) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, a notice of assessment under
12 subsection (1) of this section shall not be collected unless the notice of assessment
13 is mailed to the assessment payer not later than five (5) years from the due date of
14 the quarterly premium report or the date the amended quarterly premium report is
15 filed, whichever is later. A quarterly premium report shall not be amended later than
16 one (1) year after the due date of the quarterly premium report.
- 17 (8) Assessment payers shall preserve, retain, and provide all documents relevant to
18 quarterly premium reports and subject to audits to the funding commission upon
19 request during the completion of the audit.
- 20 (9) (a) The funding commission may mail the assessment payer notice of a refund
21 amount to be returned to an insured. The insurance carrier shall pay the
22 amount of the refund to the insured within sixty (60) days from the date of
23 notice sent by the funding commission. If, after good faith efforts, the refund
24 cannot be returned to the insured, the refund amount shall be remitted to the
25 funding commission within thirty (30) days from the last date of attempting
26 the refund.
- 27 (b) If a refund amount to an insured is unpaid on the date on which it is due, then

1 that amount shall bear a penalty of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month
2 from that due date. The funding commission shall have the authority to waive
3 part or all of the penalty where failure to pay is shown, to the satisfaction of
4 the funding commission, to be for a reasonable cause.

5 (10) "Assessment payer" as used in this section means insurance carrier, self-insured
6 group, and self-insured employer.

7 ➔Section 86. KRS 365.370 is amended to read as follows:

8 (1) The department shall promulgate administrative regulations for the enforcement of
9 KRS 365.260 to 365.380 and may from time to time undertake and make or cause
10 to be made one (1) or more cost surveys for the state or trading area or areas as it
11 defines. When each survey is made by or approved by the department, it may use
12 the cost survey as provided in subsection (2) of KRS 365.320 and subsection (2) of
13 365.360.

14 (2) The department may, upon notice and after hearing, revoke or suspend any license
15 issued under KRS 138.195 and the administrative regulations of the department
16 promulgated thereunder, for failure of any person to comply with any provisions of
17 KRS 365.260 to 365.380 or any administrative regulation adopted thereunder.

18 (3) All of the powers vested in the commissioner and Department of Revenue by the
19 provisions of the cigarette tax law shall be available for the enforcement of KRS
20 365.260 to 365.380.

21 (4) Any person aggrieved by any decision, order, or finding of the Department of
22 Revenue, suspending or revoking any license, may appeal to the **Board of Tax**
23 **Appeals**~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ pursuant to KRS 49.220.

24 ➔Section 87. KRS 452.505 is amended to read as follows:

25 The following actions may be brought in the Franklin Circuit Court, or in the Franklin
26 District Court, or in any other Circuit Court or District Court having venue:

27 (1) Actions to collect the revenue and all other claims, demands and penalties due the

1 Commonwealth, or to have satisfaction made of judgments in favor of the
2 Commonwealth, except those actions which are prosecuted by an appeal to the
3 **Board of Tax Appeals**~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~ under the provisions of KRS
4 49.220 and 131.110.

5 (2) Actions against persons required to collect money due the Commonwealth, to pay
6 money into the State Treasury, or to do any other act connected with the payment of
7 money into the State Treasury after it has been collected, and against the sureties,
8 heirs, devisees or representatives of such persons.

9 (3) Actions to surcharge and correct fee bills, accounts and settlements, with their
10 debits and credits, and all claims against the Treasury allowed and approved by any
11 court in the Commonwealth to any person.

12 (4) Actions to recover any fraudulent, erroneous or illegal account, fee bill, charge,
13 credit or claim approved and allowed or paid out of the Treasury to any person.

14 (5) The defendant in any action brought in Franklin Circuit Court or Franklin District
15 Court under the provisions of subsection (1) of this section for the collection of
16 taxes assessed under KRS Chapter 141 shall at any time prior to the submission for
17 judgment upon proper motion have a change of venue to the county in which he
18 resides or his principal office or place of business is located at no cost to the
19 defendant in Franklin Circuit Court or Franklin District Court.

20 ➔Section 88. KRS 532.162 is amended to read as follows:

21 (1) If the criminal garnishment is made upon the convicted person's earnings, the order
22 of garnishment shall be a lien upon the earnings from the date of service on the
23 garnishee until an order discontinuing the lien is entered. A convicted person may
24 challenge the garnishment by filing a challenge to the garnishment with the
25 sentencing court. The challenge shall be heard within ten (10) days of its filing or
26 the nearest court date thereafter. Before the hearing, garnishment shall continue.
27 Any moneys which the court determines were improperly garnished shall be repaid

1 to the garnishee not later than thirty (30) days after the determination.

2 (2) The circuit clerk's office shall disburse all collected reimbursement, restitution, and
3 fees to the victim, the Crime Victims Compensation Board~~[Kentucky Claims~~
4 ~~Commission]~~, or the local government, whichever is appropriate. The clerk shall be
5 entitled to collect a fee of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) from each account for
6 which a disbursement is made at the time of disbursement. In the event of challenge
7 to a garnishment, the appropriate clerk's office shall not disburse those sums
8 associated with the challenged garnishment until determination by the sentencing
9 court regarding the propriety of the garnishment.

10 ➔Section 89. KRS 533.030 is amended to read as follows:

11 (1) The conditions of probation and conditional discharge shall be such as the court, in
12 its discretion, deems reasonably necessary to insure that the defendant will lead a
13 law-abiding life or to assist him to do so. The court shall provide as an explicit
14 condition of every sentence to probation or conditional discharge that the defendant
15 not commit another offense during the period for which the sentence remains
16 subject to revocation.

17 (2) When imposing a sentence of probation or conditional discharge, the court may, in
18 addition to any other reasonable condition, require that the defendant:

19 (a) Avoid injurious or vicious habits;

20 (b) Avoid persons or places of disreputable or harmful character;

21 (c) Work faithfully at suitable employment as far as possible;

22 (d) Undergo available medical or psychiatric treatment and remain in a specific
23 institution as required for that purpose;

24 (e) Post a bond, without surety, conditioned on performance of any of the
25 prescribed conditions;

26 (f) Support his dependents and meet other family responsibilities;

27 (g) Pay the cost of the proceeding as set by the court;

- 1 (h) Remain within a specified area;
- 2 (i) Report to the probation officer as directed;
- 3 (j) Permit the probation officer to visit him at his home or elsewhere;
- 4 (k) Answer all reasonable inquiries by the probation officer and promptly notify
- 5 the probation officer of any change in address or employment;
- 6 (l) Submit to periodic testing for the use of controlled substances or alcohol, if
- 7 the defendant's record indicates a controlled substance or alcohol problem,
- 8 and to pay a reasonable fee, as determined by the court, which fee shall not
- 9 exceed the actual cost of the test and analysis and shall be paid directly to the
- 10 agency or agencies responsible for testing and analysis as compensation for
- 11 the cost of the testing and analysis, as specified by written order of the court,
- 12 performed under this subsection. For good cause shown, the testing fee may
- 13 be waived by the court;
- 14 (m) Use an alcohol monitoring device, as defined in KRS 431.068. All costs
- 15 associated with the device, including administrative and operating costs, shall
- 16 be paid by the defendant. If the court determines that the defendant is indigent,
- 17 and a person, county, or other organization has not agreed to pay the costs for
- 18 the defendant in an attempt to reduce incarceration expenses and increase
- 19 public safety, the court shall consider other conditions of probation or
- 20 conditional discharge provided for in this section; or
- 21 (n) During all or part of the period of probation or conditional discharge,
- 22 participate in a global positioning monitoring system program operated by a
- 23 county pursuant to KRS 67.372 and 67.374 under the same terms and
- 24 conditions as provided in KRS 431.517.
- 25 (3) When imposing a sentence of probation or conditional discharge in a case where a
- 26 victim of a crime has suffered monetary damage as a result of the crime due to his
- 27 property having been converted, stolen, or unlawfully obtained, or its value

1 substantially decreased as a result of the crime, or where the victim suffered actual
2 medical expenses, direct out-of-pocket losses, or loss of earning as a direct result of
3 the crime, or where the victim incurred expenses in relocating for the purpose of the
4 victim's safety or the safety of a member of the victim's household, or if as a direct
5 result of the crime the victim incurred medical expenses that were paid by the
6 Cabinet for Health and Family Services, the *Crime Victims Compensation*
7 *Board*~~[Kentucky Claims Commission]~~, or any other governmental entity, the court
8 shall order the defendant to make restitution in addition to any other penalty
9 provided for the commission of the offense. Payment of restitution to the victim
10 shall have priority over payment of restitution to any government agency.
11 Restitution shall be ordered in the full amount of the damages, unless the damages
12 exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or twice the amount of the gain
13 from the commission of the offense, whichever is greater, in which case the higher
14 of these two (2) amounts shall be awarded. The court may, in lieu of ordering
15 monetary restitution, order the defendant to make restitution by working for or on
16 behalf of the victim. The court shall determine the number of hours of work
17 necessary by applying the then-prevailing federal minimum wage to the total
18 amount of monetary damage caused by or incidental to the commission of the
19 crime. The court may, with the consent of the agency, order the defendant to work
20 as specified in KRS 533.070. Any work ordered pursuant to this section shall not be
21 deemed employment for any purpose, nor shall the person performing the work be
22 deemed an employee for any purpose. Where there is more than one (1) defendant
23 or more than one (1) victim, restitution may be apportioned. Restitution shall be
24 subject to the following additional terms and conditions:

- 25 (a) Where property which is unlawfully in the possession of the defendant is in
26 substantially undamaged condition from its condition at the time of the taking,
27 return of the property shall be ordered in lieu of monetary restitution;

- 1 (b) The circuit clerk shall assess an additional fee of five percent (5%) to defray
2 the administrative costs of collection of payments or property. This fee shall
3 be paid by the defendant and shall inure to a trust and agency account which
4 shall not lapse and which shall be used to hire additional deputy clerks and
5 office personnel or increase deputy clerk or office personnel salaries, or
6 combination thereof;
- 7 (c) When a defendant fails to make restitution ordered to be paid through the
8 circuit clerk or a court-authorized program run by the county attorney or the
9 Commonwealth's attorney, the circuit clerk or court-authorized program shall
10 notify the court; and
- 11 (d) An order of restitution shall not preclude the owner of property or the victim
12 who suffered personal physical or mental injury or out-of-pocket loss of
13 earnings or support or other damages from proceeding in a civil action to
14 recover damages from the defendant. A civil verdict shall be reduced by the
15 amount paid under the criminal restitution order.
- 16 (4) When requiring fees for controlled substances or alcohol tests, or other fees and
17 payments authorized by this section or other statute, except restitution, to be paid by
18 the defendant, the court shall not order the payments to be paid through the circuit
19 clerk.
- 20 (5) When a defendant is sentenced to probation or conditional discharge, he shall be
21 given a written statement explicitly setting forth the conditions under which he is
22 being released.
- 23 (6) When imposing a sentence of probation or conditional discharge, the court, in
24 addition to conditions imposed under this section, may require as a condition of the
25 sentence that the defendant submit to a period of imprisonment in the county jail or
26 to a period of home incarceration at whatever time or intervals, consecutive or
27 nonconsecutive, the court shall determine. The time actually spent in confinement

1 or home incarceration pursuant to this provision shall not exceed twelve (12)
2 months or the maximum term of imprisonment assessed pursuant to KRS Chapter
3 532, whichever is the shorter. Time spent in confinement or home incarceration
4 under this subsection shall be credited against the maximum term of imprisonment
5 assessed for the defendant pursuant to KRS Chapter 532, if probation or conditional
6 discharge is revoked and the defendant is sentenced to imprisonment. Any
7 prohibitions against probation, shock probation, or conditional discharge under
8 KRS 533.060(2) or 532.045 shall not apply to persons convicted of a misdemeanor
9 or Class D felony and sentenced to a period of confinement or home incarceration
10 under this section.

11 ➔Section 90. The General Assembly hereby confirms Executive Order 2020-708,
12 dated August 31, 2020, to the extent that it is not otherwise confirmed or superseded by
13 this Act, relating to the reorganization of the Public Protection Cabinet, abolishing the
14 Kentucky Claims Commission, and establishing the Office of Claims and Appeals and
15 the Boards attached thereto, namely the Board of Claims, the Board of Tax Appeals, and
16 the Crime Victims Compensation Board.

17 ➔Section 91. The initial membership of the Board of Claims, Board of Tax
18 Appeals, and the Crime Victims Compensation Board shall consist of those individuals
19 appointed by the Governor in Executive Order 2020-708, dated August 31, 2020, and the
20 terms of these initial members shall expire on the dates set out in that order.