

1 AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Horse Park.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 148.258 is amended to read as follows:

4 As used in KRS 148.258~~[148.260]~~ to 148.320:~~[the term]~~

5 **(1)** "Commission" **means**~~[shall mean]~~ the "Kentucky Horse Park Commission" unless  
6 the context clearly indicates otherwise;

7 **(2)** **"Emergency" means an incident or situation which impedes the operations of the**  
8 **Kentucky Horse Park, or poses a major threat to the public safety of any guest,**  
9 **employee, or equine population of the Kentucky Horse Park; and**

10 **(3)** **"Solely for administrative purposes" means for those limited functions and**  
11 **purposes expressly requested by the commission to be performed by the Tourism,**  
12 **Arts and Heritage Cabinet. The commission shall have sole discretion as to which**  
13 **functions shall be deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the Kentucky**  
14 **Horse Park.**

15 ➔Section 2. KRS 148.260 is amended to read as follows:

16 (1) There is hereby created and established an agency of state government to be known  
17 as the Kentucky Horse Park Commission, which shall constitute a separate  
18 administrative body of state government within the meaning of KRS 12.010(8) and  
19 under the provisions of KRS 12.015 shall be attached to the Tourism, Arts and  
20 Heritage Cabinet **solely** for administrative purposes.

21 (2) The commission shall be composed of the following **eighteen (18)**~~[fifteen (15)]~~  
22 members:

23 (a) **The secretary of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet or designee;**

24 (b) **The secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet or designee;**

25 (c) **The Commissioner of Agriculture or designee;**

26 (d) **The mayor of Lexington or designee;**

27 (e) **The Scott County judge/executive or designee;**

1 (f) The dean of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and  
 2 Environment or designee; and

3 (g) Twelve (12)~~Thirteen (13)~~ members appointed by the Governor who possess  
 4 the ability to provide broad management expertise and direction in the  
 5 operation of the Kentucky Horse Park and, to the extent possible, represent  
 6 the diverse interests of the Kentucky horse industry, four (4) or more of whom  
 7 represent the equine industry and four (4) or more of whom are active in  
 8 industry, tourism, or commerce. The members of the commission appointed  
 9 under this paragraph shall serve no more than three (3) consecutive~~for a~~  
 10 ~~term of~~ four (4) year terms.~~years, except that initial appointments shall be as~~  
 11 follows:

12 1. ~~Four (4) members shall serve for a term of two (2) years;~~

13 2. ~~Five (5) members shall serve for a term of three (3) years; and~~

14 3. ~~Four (4) members shall serve for a term of four (4) years; and~~

15 (3) Members serving under subsection (2)(a) to (f) of this section~~(b) The secretary~~  
 16 ~~of the Cabinet for Economic Development and the secretary of the Tourism, Arts~~  
 17 ~~and Heritage Cabinet, who~~ shall serve as ex officio members with full voting  
 18 rights, except as provided in subsection (4) of this section.

19 (4)~~(3)~~ The Governor shall designate one (1) member of the commission to serve as  
 20 chairperson and one (1) member of the commission to serve as vice chairperson,  
 21 both of whom shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The chairperson shall  
 22 generally serve as a nonvoting member, but shall vote when there is a tie among  
 23 the other members. The vice chairperson shall preside over meetings in the absence  
 24 of the chairperson, and shall retain the right to vote unless serving in the capacity  
 25 of chairperson.

26 (5) If a vacancy occurs on the commission, the unexpired term shall be filled  
 27 pursuant to the requirements and procedures for the original appointment.

1 ~~(6)~~~~(4)~~ The commission shall meet quarterly, and the chairperson shall preside over  
 2 the meetings. The chairperson may call special meetings of the commission upon a  
 3 request of the majority of the members of the commission, or upon request of the  
 4 Governor.

5 ~~(7)~~~~(5)~~ Members shall be reimbursed only for expenses incurred in the discharge of  
 6 official business, subject to regulations established by the Finance and  
 7 Administration Cabinet. All expenses reimbursed to members shall be paid from  
 8 operating funds of the Kentucky Horse Park.

9 ~~(8)~~~~(6)~~ The commission shall establish and maintain an office at the Kentucky ~~[State~~  
 10 ~~]Horse Park~~ for the transaction of its business and shall not establish any branch  
 11 office. The commission may hold meetings at any other place when the  
 12 convenience of the commission requires.

13 ~~(9)~~~~(7)~~ The commission shall be authorized to adopt bylaws providing for the call of  
 14 its meetings, which shall be held at least quarterly, and for its operating procedures.  
 15 A quorum of the commission shall consist of ten (10)~~eight (8)~~ members, and a  
 16 quorum of members present at any duly-called meeting may act upon any matter  
 17 before it for consideration. Each member shall have one (1) vote.

18 ~~(10)~~~~(8)~~ The Governor may establish an advisory committee to advise in the  
 19 administration, development, and operation of the Kentucky Horse Park or other  
 20 functions, activities, and programs provided for or authorized by KRS  
 21 148.258~~[148.260]~~ to 148.320.

22 ➔Section 3. KRS 148.270 is amended to read as follows:

23 (1) (a) The commission shall be a body corporate with usual corporate powers.

24 (b) *The General Assembly hereby recognizes and reaffirms that the operations*  
 25 *of the Kentucky Horse Park and the operations of its facilities are unique*  
 26 *activities for state government and that an independent corporate structure*  
 27 *is best to enable the Kentucky Horse Park to be managed in an*

1           *entrepreneurial and businesslike manner. The Kentucky Horse Park*  
 2           *Commission shall be an independent, de jure municipal corporation and*  
 3           *political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, which shall be a*  
 4           *public body corporate and politic.*

5           *(c) The Kentucky Horse Park Commission is a public agency as defined in KRS*  
 6           *61.805 and is subject to the Open Meetings Act, KRS 61.805 to 61.850.*

7           *(d) The Kentucky Horse Park Commission shall be attached to the Tourism,*  
 8           *Arts and Heritage Cabinet solely for administrative purposes and shall not*  
 9           *be subject to reorganization under KRS Chapter 12.*

10       (2) Full minutes and records shall be kept of all meetings of the board and all official  
 11       actions shall be recorded.

12       (3) (a)~~(2)~~ The commission shall appoint a president~~[an executive director]~~, who  
 13       shall hold the position at the pleasure of the commission~~[office during its~~  
 14       ~~pleasure]~~ and shall devote his or her entire time to the duties of the~~[his]~~  
 15       office.

16       (b) The president~~[executive director]~~ shall be the chief executive~~[administrative]~~  
 17       officer and secretary of the commission and shall provide the staff direction  
 18       and coordination in implementing the program and discharging the duties of  
 19       the commission. The president~~[executive director]~~ shall serve as the  
 20       administrative head of the Kentucky ~~[State]~~ Horse Park, thereby overseeing  
 21       daily operations of the park.

22       (c) The president~~[secretary]~~ shall keep a full and true record of all the  
 23       proceedings of the commission, of all books and papers ordered filed by the  
 24       commission, and of all orders made by the commission or approved and  
 25       confirmed by it and ordered filed, and shall be responsible to it for the safe  
 26       custody and preservation of all such documents in its office. All documents  
 27       shall be subject to the open records provisions of KRS 61.870 to 61.884.

1        (d) The commission shall designate from time to time staff persons to perform the  
2        duties of the president~~[executive director]~~ during his or her absence, and  
3        during the absence, the persons so designated shall possess the same powers  
4        as the president~~[their principal]~~.

5        (4) The president may only be removed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the  
6        members of the commission, and upon thirty (30) days' written notice.

7        (5) The commission shall determine the term, conditions, and compensation of its  
8        president, provided the term does not exceed four (4) years. There is no limit on  
9        the number of terms an individual can serve as president.

10       (6) (a) The president shall have the authority to organize administrative divisions  
11       and may designate chiefs of the divisions who, under the control and  
12       supervision of the president, shall have the duties of direction of the  
13       divisions.

14       (b) The president shall organize a Division of Personnel Management and Staff  
15       Development that shall manage all personnel matters, including staff  
16       development and training programs for affirmative action. The director of  
17       this division shall be appointed by the president, and the appointment shall  
18       be subject to confirmation by the commission.

19       (c) The president shall employ other employees and agents necessary to carry  
20       out the policies of the commission and to conduct the affairs of the  
21       Kentucky Horse Park, and shall fix the duties and compensation of any  
22       employees or agents with the approval of the commission.

23       (7) The president and any persons newly employed under this section after July 1,  
24       2023, shall not be subject to KRS Chapter 18A.

25       (8)~~(3)~~ The commission acting through the president~~[executive director]~~ may employ  
26       such additional staff as necessary to perform the duties and exercise the powers  
27       conferred upon it by the provisions of KRS 148.258~~[148.260]~~ to 148.320.

1        ➔ Section 4. KRS 148.280 is amended to read as follows:

2        (1) The commission:

3            (a) Shall have the authority and control of such property as now is under its  
4            custody and control, and of such property as may hereafter be placed under its  
5            control or transferred to it by the State Property and Buildings Commission,  
6            for any purpose mentioned in this section;

7            (b) May erect and repair buildings on the Kentucky~~[State]~~ Horse Park and make  
8            any and all necessary or proper improvements, and generally carry on a  
9            program of development and extension of facilities designed to accomplish  
10           the objectives defined in this section; and

11           (c) Shall promote the progress of the state and stimulate public interest in the  
12           advancement and development of the state by providing the facilities of the  
13           Kentucky~~[State]~~ Horse Park for exhibitionary, competitive, and other events  
14           relative to various aspects of the horse industry and other functions calculated  
15           to advance and enhance the tourist industry, economy, entertainment, cultural,  
16           and educational interests of the public.

17        (2) The commission may take, acquire, and hold property, and all interest herein, by  
18        deed, gift, devise, bequest, lease, or by transfer from the state property so acquired  
19        in the manner provided by law, and may dispose of any property so acquired in the  
20        manner provided by law.

21        (3) The commission may promulgate~~[enact by]~~ administrative regulations~~[regulation~~  
22        ~~as provided]~~ in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to govern~~[, rules governing]~~ the  
23        operation, maintenance, or use of property under its custody and control, as are  
24        necessary to:

25            (a) Maintain decency and good order;

26            (b) Protect the peace or safety of the general public;

27            (c) Protect the public interest, convenience, or necessity; and

1 **(d) Govern the operation, maintenance, or use of the Kentucky Horse Park.**

2 (4) The commission may:

3 **(a)** Employ or contract with other persons, firms, or corporations the commission  
4 may deem necessary or desirable to accomplish its duties and functions; may  
5 fix the compensation and the terms of employment or contract of those  
6 employed or contracted with; and may assign to them duties and  
7 responsibilities the commission may determine, including the responsibility of  
8 actual operation of any or all of the facilities under the control of the  
9 commission;

10 **(b) Purchase liability insurance for the members and executive officers**  
11 **exempted from the classified service of the state by KRS 18A.115; and**

12 **(c) Operate shows and expositions that support the purpose and function of the**  
13 **Kentucky Horse Park.**

14 ➔Section 5. KRS 148.285 is amended to read as follows:

15 The commission shall:

16 (1) Formulate policies and procedures as necessary to carry out the provisions of KRS  
17 **148.258**~~[148.260]~~ to 148.320;

18 (2) Promulgate **administrative**~~[rules and]~~ regulations as necessary to carry out the  
19 provisions of KRS **148.258**~~[148.260]~~ to 148.320;

20 (3) Annually provide the **Interim Joint Committee on Tourism, Small Business, and**  
21 **Information Technology**~~[Governor]~~ a report by **November 1**~~[January 30 and~~  
22 ~~provide the General Assembly a report by January 30]~~ showing the status of the  
23 horse industry within the Commonwealth and recommend any action necessary to  
24 preserve and strengthen that industry; and

25 (4) Employ staff personnel, if any, as it may deem necessary to implement the business  
26 of the commission and the intent of KRS **148.258**~~[148.260]~~ to 148.320. The  
27 commission shall fix the compensation of such employees and any employee of the

1 commission shall be reimbursed for expenses paid or incurred in the discharge of  
2 official business when approved by the commission.

3 ➔Section 6. KRS 148.290 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) The commission may enter into agreements with the law enforcement agency of  
5 any urban-county or counties in which the Kentucky[State] Horse Park is located or  
6 in any adjacent county or with the Department of Kentucky State Police for proper  
7 policing of the Kentucky[State] Horse Park. If authorized to do so by the  
8 commission and subject to KRS 61.300, the president[~~executive director~~] may  
9 commission employees of the park as patrol officers. These patrol officers shall  
10 have all the powers of peace officers upon the property of the Kentucky[State]  
11 Horse Park and the public property and roads traversing or immediately adjacent  
12 thereto.

13 (2) The commission is authorized to establish by resolution speed limits governing the  
14 operation of motor vehicles on horse park property. Notice to the public of such  
15 speed limits shall be posted by signs or markings.

16 (3) The commission may by administrative regulation establish restrictions on the use,  
17 including the operation, parking, impoundment, and removal, of golf cart-type  
18 vehicles, all-terrain vehicles as defined by KRS 189.010(24), horse trailers, and  
19 automobiles operated on Kentucky[State] Horse Park property. The commission  
20 may prohibit the use of all-terrain vehicles on Kentucky[State] Horse Park property.

21 (4) The commission may by administrative regulation establish a permit system,  
22 including a fee schedule, for golf cart-type vehicles, require owners to purchase  
23 usage permits, and require that the usage permit be displayed on the vehicle when  
24 operated on Kentucky[State] Horse Park property.

25 (5) The commission may by administrative regulation establish a trailer permit system,  
26 including a fee schedule, for horse owners participating in events but not renting  
27 stalls at the Kentucky[State] Horse Park.



1       ➔Section 7. KRS 148.320 is amended to read as follows:

2       (1) (a) All revenues derived by the commission from the use of properties and  
3               facilities under its custody and control shall be used exclusively for the  
4               purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission, the cost of the  
5               management and operation of such properties and facilities, the payment of  
6               interest and principal upon any indebtedness incurred by the commission for  
7               such properties and facilities, the creation of adequate reserves for the repair  
8               and replacement thereof and for the financing of further extensions,  
9               improvements, and additions thereto. Included in the cost of operation may be  
10              such promotional activities as the commission may determine upon as  
11              calculated to stimulate and increase the use and the revenues of such facilities,  
12              and to increase and stimulate the interest and usefulness of the  
13              Kentucky~~[State]~~ Horse Park.

14       (b) Any surplus revenues remaining after full provision for the purposes in  
15       paragraph (a) of this subsection shall:

16       1. Be used to reduce the admission fees to the public for admittance to  
17       the Kentucky Horse Park and for public use by the citizens of the  
18       Commonwealth of the facilities, or reduce the annual appropriation by  
19       the General Assembly to the Kentucky Horse Park; and

20       2. Not be appropriated to any other agency or function.

21       (2) The commission shall generally cause its funds to be deposited in the State  
22       Treasurer's office to be withdrawn on appropriate vouchers approved by the  
23       commission.

24       (3) An annual accounting of the funds of the commission shall be made by the Auditor  
25       of Public Accounts and reported to the Governor for the benefit of the Governor  
26       and the General Assembly.

27       (4) The commission may receive tax revenues from any governmental unit and

1        *financial contributions from local governments, private persons, or foundations.*

2        ➔Section 8. KRS 45A.095 is amended to read as follows:

3        (1) For purposes of this section:

4            (a) "Emergency condition" means a situation which creates a threat or impending  
5            threat to public health, welfare, or safety such as may arise by reason of fires,  
6            floods, tornadoes, other natural or man-caused disasters, epidemics, riots,  
7            enemy attack, sabotage, explosion, power failure, energy shortages,  
8            transportation emergencies, equipment failures, state or federal legislative  
9            mandates, or similar events. The existence of the emergency condition creates  
10           an immediate and serious need for services, construction, or items of tangible  
11           personal property that cannot be met through normal procurement methods  
12           and the lack of which would seriously threaten the functioning of government,  
13           the preservation or protection of property, or the health or safety of any  
14           person; and

15           (b) "Sole source" means a situation in which there is only one (1) known capable  
16           supplier of a commodity or service, occasioned by the unique nature of the  
17           requirement, the supplier, or market conditions.

18        (2) A contract may be made by noncompetitive negotiation only:

19            (a) For sole source purchases;

20            (b) When competition is not feasible, as determined by the purchasing officer in  
21            writing prior to award, under administrative regulations promulgated by the  
22            secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet or the governing boards  
23            of universities operating under KRS Chapter 164A;

24            (c) When emergency conditions exist; or

25            (d) For sponsorships, naming rights, or other advertising or similar considerations  
26            for which competition is not feasible.

27        (3) Insofar as it is practical, no fewer than three (3) suppliers shall be solicited to

1 submit written or oral quotations whenever it is determined that competitive sealed  
2 bidding is not feasible. Award shall be made to the supplier offering the best value.  
3 The names of the suppliers submitting quotations and the date and amount of each  
4 quotation shall be placed in the procurement file and maintained as a public record.

5 (4) Competitive bids may not be required:

6 (a) For contractual services where no competition exists, such as telephone  
7 service, electrical energy, and other public utility services;

8 (b) Where rates are fixed by law or ordinance;

9 (c) For library books;

10 (d) For commercial items that are purchased for resale;

11 (e) For interests in real property;

12 (f) For visiting speakers, professors, expert witnesses, and performing artists;

13 (g) For personal service contracts executed pursuant to KRS 45A.690 to  
14 45A.725;~~and~~

15 (h) For agricultural products in accordance with KRS 45A.645; and

16 (i) For contracts entered into by the president of the Kentucky Horse Park for  
17 emergency purchases pursuant to subsection (6) of Section 9 of this Act.

18 (5) The chief procurement officer, the head of a using agency, or a person authorized in  
19 writing as the designee of either officer may make or authorize others to make  
20 emergency procurements when an emergency condition exists.

21 (6) The Finance and Administration Cabinet may negotiate directly for the purchase of  
22 contractual services, supplies, materials, or equipment in bona fide emergencies  
23 regardless of estimated costs. The existence of the emergency shall be fully  
24 explained, in writing, by the head of the agency for which the purchase is to be  
25 made. The explanation shall be approved by the secretary of the Finance and  
26 Administration Cabinet and shall include the name of the vendor receiving the  
27 contract along with any other price quotations and a written determination for

1 selection of the vendor receiving the contract. This information shall be filed with  
2 the record of all such purchases and made available to the public. Where practical,  
3 standard specifications shall be followed in making emergency purchases. In any  
4 event, every effort should be made to effect a competitively established price for  
5 purchases made by the state.

6 *(7) Subsection (6) of this section shall not apply to emergency purchases made*  
7 *pursuant to subsection (6) of Section 9 of this Act.*

8 ➔SECTION 9. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 148.258 TO 148.320 IS CREATED  
9 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

10 *(1) The Kentucky Horse Park Commission shall:*

11 *(a) Conduct all procurements necessary for the performance of its duties in*  
12 *accordance with KRS Chapter 45A and this chapter, provided that this*  
13 *chapter controls if it is inconsistent with any provision of KRS Chapter 45A;*  
14 *or*

15 *(b) Promulgate administrative regulations pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A to*  
16 *establish its procurement procedures.*

17 *(2) If the commission elects to promulgate administrative regulations establishing its*  
18 *procurement procedures rather than conduct procurements in accordance with*  
19 *KRS Chapter 45A, the commission may include sections of KRS Chapter 45A as*  
20 *part of its administrative regulations and shall require review of personal service*  
21 *contracts, tax incentive agreements, and memoranda of agreement by the*  
22 *Government Contract Review Committee as established by KRS 45A.705.*

23 *(3) Procurements for personal service contracts shall not be subject to the*  
24 *requirements of KRS 45A.695(2)(b), due to the unique operational activities*  
25 *conducted for state government by the commission as recognized in this chapter.*

26 *(4) The commission's procurement procedures or administrative regulations shall be*  
27 *designed to provide for the purchase of supplies, equipment, services, and*

1        construction items that provide the greatest long-term benefit to the state, the  
2        greatest integrity for the Kentucky Horse Park, and the best service and products  
3        for the public.

4        (5) In its bidding and negotiation processes, the commission may:

5            (a) Perform its own bidding and procurement;

6            (b) Utilize the services of the Finance and Administration Cabinet; or

7            (c) Utilize a combination thereof.

8        (6) The president of the Kentucky Horse Park may, in lieu of the secretary of the  
9        Finance and Administration Cabinet, declare an emergency for purchasing  
10        purposes.