

1 AN ACT relating to agriculture.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 247.493 is amended to read as follows:

4 In the event a majority of the producers eligible for participation in such referendum and
5 voting therein shall vote in favor of such assessment, then, upon the written request of the
6 duly certified commission, council, board, association or other agency of producers of
7 such agricultural commodity, the Commissioner shall notify forthwith, by certified mail,
8 all persons engaged in the business of purchasing such agricultural commodities in this
9 state, that on and after the date specified in such letter, the specified assessment shall be
10 deducted from the producer's payment by the purchaser, or his ***or her*** agent or
11 representative, from the purchase price of such agricultural commodity. The assessment
12 so deducted shall, on or before the fifteenth day of the month following the end of the
13 month in which such commodity is sold to the purchaser, be remitted by such purchaser
14 to the duly certified commission, council, board, association or other agency of the
15 producers entitled thereto. Such funds, including donations from individuals, concerns,
16 corporations and grants from the state or governmental agencies, shall be used for the
17 purpose of promoting and stimulating, by advertising, research and other methods, the
18 increased use and sale, domestic and foreign, of such agricultural commodity. The books
19 and records of all such purchasers of such agricultural commodity shall at all times
20 during regular business hours be open for inspection by the Commissioner of Agriculture
21 or his ***or her*** duly authorized agents.