

1 AN ACT relating to the rights of property owners and declaring an emergency.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 65 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *A city, county, charter county government, urban-county government, consolidated*
6 *local government, or unified local government shall not adopt or enforce an ordinance*
7 *or regulation that prohibits any owner, lessee, sublessee, assignee, managing agent, or*
8 *other person having the authority to lease, sublease, or rent a housing accommodation*
9 *from refusing to lease or rent the housing accommodation to any person when the*
10 *person's lawful source of income to pay rent includes funding from a federal housing*
11 *assistance program.*

12 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 65 IS CREATED TO
13 READ AS FOLLOWS:

14 *(1) As used in this section:*

15 *(a) "Emergency response" means a response by any first responder to a*
16 *reported incident that is of such an emergent nature that jeopardizes or*
17 *could jeopardize personal safety or result in the destruction of property;*

18 *(b) "Emergency response fee" means any charge or fee, other than a*
19 *membership charge or subscriber fee levied under KRS Chapter 273,*
20 *imposed by a fire department, whether paid or volunteer, ambulance*
21 *provider, law enforcement agency, or other organization to cover the costs*
22 *associated with an emergency response, including but not limited to costs*
23 *incurred for labor, materials, supplies or equipment used or provided in the*
24 *response; and*

25 *(c) "First responder" means fire, police, and emergency medical personnel.*

26 *(2) No local government, special district, or other provider of any emergency*
27 *response service shall submit any demand for payment or require an owner of*

1 *property occupied by an individual other than the owner to pay any emergency*
2 *response fee that arises out of the actions of another over which the owner has no*
3 *control.*

4 ➔Section 3. Whereas it is important to ensure that the rights of property owners
5 are respected, an emergency is declared to exist and this Act takes effect upon its passage
6 and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.