

1 AN ACT relating to emergency shelters.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 67 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) For purposes of this section, "emergency shelter" means a facility for which the*
6 *primary purpose is to provide temporary shelter for persons experiencing*
7 *homelessness.*

8 *(2) The legislative body of each county shall establish and maintain, or contract with*
9 *an entity that establishes and maintains, at least one (1) emergency shelter that*
10 *operates within the county. The emergency shelter shall contain an adequate*
11 *number of beds, which shall be calculated by subtracting the total number of beds*
12 *dedicated to persons experiencing homelessness within the county from the total*
13 *number of persons experiencing homelessness within the county.*

14 *(3) The emergency shelter required by this section shall conform to all applicable*
15 *requirements of federal and state law.*

16 *(4) The Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall promulgate administrative*
17 *regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to provide standards regarding*
18 *the maintenance and operation of emergency shelters pursuant to this section.*

19 *(5) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any local government from*
20 *establishing additional regulations concerning the operation and maintenance of*
21 *emergency shelters or homeless shelters that are more stringent than any state or*
22 *federal laws or those established by administrative regulation.*