

1 AN ACT relating to agriculture.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 247.4477 is amended to read as follows:

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