

1 AN ACT relating to sex offender registration fees.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 17.500 TO 17.580 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) (a) Each registrant is required to pay a registration fee of:*

6 *1. One thousand dollars (\$1,000) to the Department of Kentucky State*
7 *Police within five (5) days; and*

8 *2. For each subsequent year during the registrant's period of registration*
9 *under KRS 17.520, one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) to the Department*
10 *of Kentucky State Police on or before the anniversary;*
11 *of his or her release by the court, the parole board, the cabinet, or any*
12 *detention facility.*

13 *(b) The fee shall be deposited by the department into the sex offender registry*
14 *fund established in subsection (3) of this section.*

15 *(c) A registrant shall not be prevented from registering or updating information*
16 *in accordance with KRS 17.510 because of failure to pay the annual*
17 *registration fee.*

18 *(2) (a) Notwithstanding KRS 534.040, any registrant who knowingly violates*
19 *subsection (1)(a) of this section is guilty of a violation with a fine of up to*
20 *five hundred dollars (\$500).*

21 *(b) Any fines collected pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited into the*
22 *general fund.*

23 *(3) (a) There is hereby established in the State Treasury a trust and agency*
24 *account to be known as the sex offender registry fund. The fund shall*
25 *consist of moneys received under subsection (1) of this section.*

26 *(b) The Department of Kentucky State Police shall administer the fund.*

27 *(c) Amounts deposited in the fund shall be used to maintain the sex offender*

- 1 registry in accordance with KRS 17.500 to 17.580.
- 2 (d) Notwithstanding KRS 45.299, any money remaining in the fund at the close
- 3 of the fiscal year shall not lapse but shall be carried forward.