

1 AN ACT relating to the Department of Agriculture and declaring an emergency.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 246.055 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) The Department of Agriculture may accept federal aid, ***nonfederal funds and***  
 5 ***grants***, gifts, donations, or devises~~[- The Department of Agriculture is authorized in~~  
 6 ~~its discretion to accept the provisions of any Act of Congress appropriating,~~  
 7 ~~granting, or apportioning funds or commodities to the state for use in connection~~  
 8 ~~with any program of the Department of Agriculture. The Commissioner shall~~  
 9 ~~prescribe for the proper apportionment and distribution of these funds, property or~~  
 10 ~~commodities in accordance with the state and federal laws].~~

11 ***(2) For use in connection with any program of the department and for the benefit of***  
 12 ***programs under its control and supervision, the department is authorized to do***  
 13 ***any of the following:***

14 ***(a) Accept provisions of any Act of Congress appropriating, granting, or***  
 15 ***apportioning funds or commodities to the state;***

16 ***(b) Receive funds appropriated by the General Assembly, or from any other***  
 17 ***source identified in subsection (1) of this section;***

18 ***(c) Provide for the proper apportionment and disbursement of such funds in***  
 19 ***accordance with state or federal laws; or***

20 ***(d) Accept and provide for the administration of any nonfederal funds or***  
 21 ***grants, gifts, donations, or devises from any source public or private.***

22 ***(3) [(2)]*** The Commissioner of Agriculture may enter into any agreement and carry out  
 23 the terms of such agreement with any department of the federal government, ***or***  
 24 ***state or local public agency***, to handle funds, commodities or any devise under any  
 25 program assigned to or handled by the Department of Agriculture.

26 ➔Section 2. Whereas under the Department of Agriculture's current authority, the  
 27 department is unable to apply for several available privately funded grants that, if

1 awarded, would greatly impact agriculture in the Commonwealth, an emergency is  
2 declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor  
3 or upon its otherwise becoming a law.