

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.