

1 AN ACT relating to the forensic processing of firearms.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 15 IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) When a law enforcement agency seizes or recovers a firearm that was unlawfully*  
6 *possessed, used for any unlawful purpose, recovered from the scene of a crime, is*  
7 *reasonably believed to have been used or associated with the commission of a*  
8 *crime, or is acquired by the agency as an abandoned or discarded firearm, the*  
9 *agency shall:*

10 *(a) Transmit to and receive from the United States Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms*  
11 *and Explosives eTrace system and the National Crime Information Center*  
12 *system information relating to that firearm; and*

13 *(b) Arrange for every such firearm to be test-fired as soon as practicable and*  
14 *the results of that test-firing be submitted to the National Integrated*  
15 *Ballistic Information Network to determine whether the firearm is*  
16 *associated with or related to a crime, criminal conduct, any individual*  
17 *associated with or related to a crime or criminal conduct, or reasonably*  
18 *believed to be associated with or related to a crime or criminal conduct.*

19 *(2) When a law enforcement agency recovers any spent shell casing at a crime scene*  
20 *or has reason to believe that a recovered spent shell casing is associated with or*  
21 *related to the commission of a crime or the unlawful discharge of a firearm, the*  
22 *agency shall, as soon as practicable, submit the ballistics information to the*  
23 *National Integrated Ballistic Information Network.*

24 *(3) Local law enforcement agencies shall develop policies and procedures, approved*  
25 *by the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, for the recovery and forensic processing*  
26 *of firearms and firearm-related evidence where a firearm was unlawfully*  
27 *possessed, used for any unlawful purpose, recovered from the scene of a crime,*

1 *reasonably believed to have been used or associated with the commission of a*  
2 *crime, or acquired by the agency as an abandoned or discarded firearm.*