



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

GLAR is advocating for you! We've put together a 'quick hits' of the work we're doing in Washington, Frankfort, and with Local Government to support and promote our members! You keep up the hard work, and we'll keep having your back!

## Welcome to the Realtor Party!

The REALTOR® Party is a powerful alliance of REALTORS® and REALTOR® Associations working to advance public policies and candidates that build strong communities, protect property interests and promote a vibrant business environment.



### FEDERAL UPDATE

During NAR's year-end Real Estate Forecast Summit, Chief Economist Lawrence Yun forecasted an improved housing market in 2024 and predicted 4.71 million existing-home sales. "The demand for housing will recover from falling mortgage rates and rising income," Yun said. "In addition, housing inventory is expected to rise by around 30% as more sellers begin to list after delaying selling over the past two years."

### STATE UPDATE

GLAR and KYR are closely following the 2024 Regular Session that gaveled in on Tuesday, January 2nd. The 2024 REALTOR® priorities include a statewide Buyer-Broker Agreement, a First Time Home Buyer's Savings Plan option (HB 222), and an end to 40-year listing agreements (HB 88). The 40-year Listing bill passed unanimously out of the House, so encourage your Senator to vote 'yes'! HB 222 is up next, and we're looking forward to sharing a First Time Homebuyer's Study conducted by the University of Kentucky to give us better insights into this bill's impact!



### LOCAL UPDATE

Greater Louisville Association of REALTORS is actively engaged with the KYR 2024 Legislative Priorities. We are also continuing to work with the Mayor's Office on Housing to follow the new Affordable Housing Plan. We are also continuing to follow the Floyds Fork DRO conversation. We are attending the Planning and Zoning readoption of the City's Comprehensive Plan and taking a closer look at bills that will effect GLAR members most!

January 29, 2024

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# Legislative Report

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**KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE  
FOR  
GREATER LOUISVILLE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS**

## Bill Information

### **APPROPRIATIONS FOR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES** (PETRIE, JASON; Rudy, Steven; Bowling, Adam; Bray,

Josh)

AN ACT relating to government agencies, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Appropriate General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account in fiscal years 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 to the following: Kentucky Infrastructure Authority for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure grants; Department for Local Government to provide matching funds under the Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation Program; Kentucky Public Pensions Authority to be applied to the unfunded liability of the State Police Retirement Systems and the Kentucky Employees Retirement System Nonhazardous pension funds; Teachers' Retirement System to be applied to the unfunded actuarially accrued liability; Cabinet for Economic Development to support the KEDFA loan pool and development projects; Department of Kentucky State Police for lab equipment; Transportation Cabinet to improve public riverports, to implement the Short Line Infrastructure Preservation and Industrial Access and Safety Improvement pilot projects, and support grants to each General Aviation airport; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

## RECENT STATUS

1/22/2024 - floor amendment (1) filed  
1/22/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)  
1/16/2024 - Introduced

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## HB6 EXECUTIVE BRANCH BUDGET (PETRIE, JASON; Bowling, Adam; Bentley, Danny; Bray, Josh; Rudy, Steven)

AN ACT relating to appropriations measures providing funding and establishing conditions for the operations, maintenance, support, and functioning of the government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and its various officers, cabinets, departments, boards, commissions, institutions, subdivisions, agencies, and other state-supported activities.

The State/Executive Branch Budget: Detail Part I, Operating Budget; detail Part II, Capital Projects Budget; detail Part III, General Provisions; detail Part IV, State Salary/Compensation, Benefit, and Employment Policy; detail Part V, Funds Transfer; detail Part VI, General Fund Budget Reduction Plan; detail Part VII, General Fund Surplus Expenditure Plan; detail Part VIII, Road Fund Budget Reduction Plan; detail Part IX, Road Fund Surplus Expenditure Plan; detail Part X, Phase I Tobacco Settlement; and detail Part XI, Executive Branch Budget Summary; APPROPRIATION.

## RECENT STATUS

1/22/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)  
1/16/2024 - Introduced

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## HB18 RIGHTS OF PROPERTY OWNERS (DOTSON, RYAN; Hale, David; Lockett, Matt; Rawlings, Steve; Tipton, James; Wesley, Bill)

AN ACT relating to the rights of property owners and declaring an emergency.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 65 to prohibit local governments from adopting or enforcing ordinances that prohibit owners of housing accommodations from refusing to lease or rent the housing accommodation to a person when the person's source of income to pay rent includes funding from a federal housing assistance program; prohibit local governments from requiring an owner of property occupied by an individual other than the owner to pay an emergency response fee that arises out of the actions of another over which the owner has no control; EMERGENCY.

## RECENT STATUS

1/26/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)  
1/24/2024 - received in Senate  
1/23/2024 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 74-20

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## HB22 AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (PRATT, PHILLIP; Palumbo, Ruth Ann)

AN ACT relating to automated external defibrillators.

Amend KRS 311.667 to remove the requirement for medical oversight of an AED program. House Committee Substitute (1) Make technical corrections to conform.

#### RECENT STATUS

1/26/2024 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 87-0 with Committee Substitute (1)  
1/26/2024 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ HCS 1  
1/25/2024 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day for Friday, January 26, 2024

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### **HB23 SMOKE ALARMS** (PRATT, PHILLIP; Fister, Daniel)

AN ACT relating to smoke alarms.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 227 to require a working smoke detector be present in any residence sold; direct seller to attest to the presence and functioning of the required smoke detector in signed affidavit given to buyer at closing.

#### RECENT STATUS

1/18/2024 - (H) SECOND READING, to Rules  
1/17/2024 - (H) FIRST READING  
1/17/2024 - (H) Reported Favorably w/HCS 1

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### **HB34 UNIVERSAL RECOGNITION OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES** (DOAN, STEVEN; Grossberg, Daniel; Hodgson, John; Rawlings, Steve)

AN ACT relating to universal recognition of occupational licenses.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 335B to allow universal recognition of occupational licenses and government certifications; include work experience as a basis for licensure or certification; explicitly include military personnel and their spouses; provide that the Act may be cited as the Universal Recognition of Occupational Licenses Act.

#### RECENT STATUS

1/2/2024 - Introduced

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### **HB37 RECORDING OF INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY** (KING, KIM)

AN ACT relating to the recording of interests in real property.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 382 to define "greenhouse gas emissions reduction agreement"; require that a greenhouse gas emissions reduction agreement be properly recorded pursuant to the requirements of KRS 382.110 for it to be binding on subsequent purchasers or creditors.

#### RECENT STATUS

1/2/2024 - Introduced

**HB40 WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS** (MCCOOL, BOBBY)

AN ACT relating to water and wastewater systems.

Amend KRS 223.170 to require the board of certification for water treatment and distribution system operators to submit to the Energy and Environment Cabinet on or before December 31, 2024, recommendations for the establishment of a voluntary certification program for supervisors of certified operators in primary responsible charge of water treatment plants or distribution systems as well as recommendations for the establishment of a program or strategy for recruiting applicants to work in the operation of water treatment plants or distribution systems who are not currently participating in apprenticeships or certification programs administered by the cabinet; amend KRS 224.73-110 to require the Kentucky Board of Certification of Wastewater System Operators to submit to the Energy and Environment Cabinet on or before December 31, 2024, recommendations for the establishment of a voluntary certification program for supervisors of certified operators in primary responsible charge of public or private sewage systems as well as recommendations for the establishment of a program or strategy for recruiting applicants to work in the operation of public or private sewage systems who are not currently participating in apprenticeships or certification programs administered by the cabinet.

**RECENT STATUS**

1/2/2024 - Introduced

**HB43 FIRE PROTECTION** (HODGSON, JOHN; Bauman, Jared; Bratcher, Kevin D.; Bratcher, Steve; Nemes, Jason; Rawlings, Steve; Witten, Susan)

AN ACT relating to fire protection.

Create a new section of KRS 75.100 to 75.260 to require a fire protection district, volunteer fire department district, or subdistrict when making a change to fire protection services involving communications, firefighting resources, or water supply that will likely downgrade fire service ratings to host a public hearing and provide notice of the hearing.

**RECENT STATUS**

1/25/2024 - received in Senate

1/24/2024 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 93-0

1/24/2024 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day

**HB45 PRIVACY PROTECTION** (HODGSON, JOHN; Blanton, John; Bowling, Adam; Bratcher, Kevin D.; Bratcher, Steve; Bray, Josh; Callaway, Emily; Duvall, Robert; Grossberg, Daniel; Huff, Thomas; Massaroni, Candy; Rawlings, Steve; Tate, Nancy)

AN ACT relating to privacy protection.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 189 to define terms related to automated license plate readers; establish limitations on use and sale of data captured by automated license plate readers; create a new section of KRS Chapter 183 to define terms and establish limitations on the use of an unmanned aircraft system; create a new section of KRS Chapter 411 to establish a cause of action for the unauthorized use of an unmanned aircraft system; create a new section of KRS Chapter 413 to establish a statute of limitations for an

action filed for the unauthorized use of an unmanned aircraft system; create a new section of KRS Chapter 411 to define terms and establish limitations on "deep fakes"; create a new section of KRS Chapter 413 to establish a statute of limitations for an action filed for the unlawful dissemination of a deep fake; create a new section of KRS Chapter 411 to define terms and establish limitations on the introduction of identification devices on or within the human body; create a new section of KRS Chapter 413 to establish a statute of limitations for an action filed for introduction of an identification device; create a new section of KRS Chapter 519 to establish a criminal penalty for illegally disseminating a deep fake; amend KRS 508.152, relating to the unlawful use of tracking devices, to include the installation of a tracking device on the person or property of another without their consent and exempt parental tracking of minors from the prohibition.

## RECENT STATUS

1/2/2024 - Introduced

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## ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES (RAWLINGS, STEVE; Banta, Kim; Calloway, Josh; Doan, Steven; Hodgson, John; Lockett, Matt; Massaroni, Candy; Proctor, Marianne)

AN ACT relating to the administration of estates and creating an emergency.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 391 to establish the Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act to codify provisions for the creation, administration, modification, termination, and validity of transfer on death deeds; define terms; specify that a transfer on death deed is revocable and shall be nontestamentary; establish requirements for a transfer on death deed and specify the process of recording a transfer on death deed; specify that a transfer on death deed is effective without notice to or acceptance by the beneficiary during the transferor's lifetime; establish provisions for the revocation of a transfer on death deed by instrument or act; enumerate the effect of a transfer on death deed during transferor's life; allow a beneficiary to disclaim all or part of the beneficiary's interests; specify the impact of transfer on death deed on claims when an estate is insufficient; provide the form for creating a transfer on death deed; provide the form for revocation of a transfer on death deed; require that in applying and construing the uniform language consideration be given to the need to promote uniformity; conform to federal requirements related to electronic signatures and records; specify that the uniform act shall not affect any method of transferring property otherwise permitted; provide that Sections 1 to 13 of this Act may be cited as the Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act; amend KRS 64.012 to provide the recording fee for a transfer on death deed or revocation; amend KRS 381.280, 382.110, 382.135, 391.360, 392.020, 392.070, and 403.190 to conform; create a new section of KRS Chapter 186A to define terms; establish requirements for a transfer of a vehicle's title to a named beneficiary upon the death of the owner; direct the Transportation Cabinet to develop a form for transfer; amend KRS 395.445 to allow the court to order that administration of certain minors be dispensed with and the assets transferred to the surviving parents of that minor; create a new section of KRS Chapter 140 to limit inheritance taxes to deaths occurring prior to July 1, 2024; repeal KRS 140.130 and 140.140 relating to the levy and payment of the Kentucky estate tax; EMERGENCY.

### RECENT STATUS

1/25/2024 - (H) recommitted to committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

1/25/2024 - (H) SECOND READING, to Rules

1/24/2024 - (H) FIRST READING

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## HB54 ELECTRICIANS (BRATCHER, STEVE; Tate, Nancy; Williams, Wade)

AN ACT relating to electricians.

Amend KRS 227A.060 to modify experience and education requirements for an electrician or master electrician license; allow a master electrician applicant to have four years of experience in addition to other education or experience; authorize a master electrician or electrician applicant to qualify for licensure through teaching or attending an associate's degree or diploma program at a college within the Kentucky Community and Technical College System or at another accredited college or university; enable a military veteran to meet master electrician or electrician experience requirements through applicable supervised military occupational specialty experience; direct the department of Housing, Buildings and Construction to promulgate administrative regulations to establish an application form to allow submission of military experience; accept either a DD-214 form or a signed statement from the applicant's commanding officer to verify relevant military experience.

### RECENT STATUS

1/17/2024 - House Licensing, Occupations, & Administrative Regulations (H), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

1/12/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Licensing, Occupations, & Administrative Regulations (H)

1/2/2024 - Introduced

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## LIMITED LIABILITY ENTITY TAX *(FLEMING, KEN)*

AN ACT relating to the limited liability entity tax.

Amend KRS 141.0401 to sunset the limited liability entity tax for taxable years beginning on January 1, 2025; amend KRS 141.0205 to sunset tax credits afforded by the limited liability entity tax for taxable years beginning on January 1, 2025.

### RECENT STATUS

1/2/2024 - Introduced

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## HB58 ECONOMIC FISCAL MATTERS *(FLEMING, KEN; Tipton, James)*

AN ACT relating to economic fiscal matters.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 7A to establish the Tax Expenditure and Economic Development Incentive Review Board and specify the board's membership, authority, powers and duties; establish requirements for board meetings; establish requirements for when the General Assembly enacts new tax expenditures or economic development incentives; require agencies to assign taxpayers a unique number for purposes of reporting tax expenditures and economic development incentives; amend KRS 11.068 to require the annual production of a detailed estimate of the revenue loss resulting from each tax expenditure and economic development incentive from the general fund and road fund; amend KRS 131.020 to require the Department of Revenue to collect, report, and provide data to the Tax Expenditure and Economic Development Incentive Review Board; amend KRS 131.190 to allow the Department of Revenue to provide confidential data to the Tax Expenditure and Economic Development Incentive Review Board.

### RECENT STATUS

1/18/2024 - House Economic Development & Workforce Investment (H), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

1/17/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Economic Development & Workforce Investment (H) 1/2/2024

- Introduced

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## HB59 AMEND SECTION 170 OF KENTUCKY CONSTITUTION RELATING TO TAXATION

*(MASSARONI, CANDY; Calloway, Josh; Rawlings, Steve)*

AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 170 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to taxation.

Propose to amend Section 170 of the Constitution of Kentucky to provide the General Assembly the authority to exempt all or a portion of any class of property from taxation or eliminate all or a portion of any tax and the related provisions of that tax; provide ballot language; submit to voters for ratification or rejection.

### RECENT STATUS

1/2/2024 - Introduced

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## PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION (DOTSON, RYAN; Huff, Thomas)

AN ACT relating to the property tax homestead exemption.

Amend KRS 132.810 to remove the requirement that the homestead exemption be construed to mean \$6,500 in terms of the purchasing power of the dollar in 1972 and the cost-of-living indexing requirement; require the amount of the homestead exemption to be 50% of the first \$250,000 in assessed value for qualifying real property; EFFECTIVE only upon the ratification by voters of an amendment to Section 170 of the Kentucky Constitution.

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1/2/2024 - Introduced

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## HB62

### AMEND SECTION 170 OF KENTUCKY CONSTITUTION RELATING TO PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION

(DOTSON, RYAN; Huff, Thomas)

AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 170 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to property exempt from taxation.

Propose to amend Section 170 of the Constitution of Kentucky to remove the \$6,500 homestead exemption amount for property taxation and provide the General Assembly the authority to set the amount of the homestead exemption; provide ballot language; submit to voters for ratification or rejection.

### RECENT STATUS

1/2/2024 - Introduced

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## HB75 ABANDONED PROPERTY (KULKARNI, NIMA; Chester-Burton, Beverly)

AN ACT relating to abandoned property.

Amend KRS 383.020 to specify duties of landlord with respect to abandoned personal property.

### RECENT STATUS

1/2/2024 - Introduced

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## HB76

### RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF LANDLORDS AND TENANTS (KULKARNI, NIMA; Chester-Burton, Beverly)

Beverly)

AN ACT relating to rights and obligations of landlords and tenants to a residential lease.

Repeal and reenact various sections of KRS Chapter 383 to update the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; create new sections of KRS Chapter 383 to conform; amend KRS 383.715 to conform; repeal KRS 383.300, 303.302, 383.500, 383.505, 383.515, 383.525, 383.540, 383.580, 383.620, and 383.665.

## RECENT STATUS

1/2/2024 - Introduced

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## HB88 UNLAWFUL TRADE PRACTICES (MEREDITH, MICHAEL; Pollock, Michael Sarge; Bowling, Adam; Bratcher, Kevin D.; Bratcher, Steve; Bridges, Randy; Clines, Mike; Flannery, Patrick; Gentry, Alan; Jackson, Kevin; Johnson, DJ; Lawrence, William; Lewis, Scott ; Lewis, Derek; Lockett, Matt; McPherson, Shawn; Meade, David; Miles, Suzanne; Roarx, Rachel; Williams, Wade)

AN ACT relating to unlawful trade practices and declaring an emergency.

Repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 286.2-685 as a new section of Subtitle 3 of KRS Chapter 286 to make technical amendments; remove prohibition against use of financial institution names in certain marketing and solicitations; establish a civil penalty for violation of section; establish a new section of KRS Chapter 367 to prohibit the use of financial institution names in the marketing and solicitations of persons who are not financial institutions in certain circumstances; make violation of section an unfair, false, misleading, or deceptive trade practice in violation of KRS 367.170; authorize enforcement by the Attorney General and any trade organization representing one or more financial institution industries; establish remedies for violation of section; establish a new section of KRS Chapter 367 to regulate certain real estate service agreements; make recording of certain real estate service agreements a crime and provide penalties for violation of recording prohibition; make violation of section an unfair, false, misleading, or deceptive trade practice in violation of KRS 367.170; authorize enforcement of section by Attorney General; authorize Attorney General to promulgate administrative regulations; amend KRS 324.160 to establish that violation of section regulating real estate service contracts by real estate licensees is improper conduct; provide that the provisions of the Act are severable; RETROACTIVE, in part; EMERGENCY. House Committee Substitute (1) Retain original provisions, except amend the definition of "person"; provide attorney's fees and costs and a statutory penalty for a violation of Section 2 of this Act; direct that the Attorney General, any Commonwealth's attorney, or county attorney may enforce Class B misdemeanor penalty under Section 3 of this Act; make technical corrections. House Floor Amendment (1) Amend definition of "financial institution" in Section 2 of this Act; provide that a financial institution may provide consent to marketing material, solicitation, or advertising in written or electronic format; amend definition of "service provider" in Section 3 of this Act.

## RECENT STATUS

1/22/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Banking & Insurance (S)

1/18/2024 - received in Senate

1/17/2024 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 93-0 with Committee Substitute (1) and Floor Amendment (1)

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## HB95 THEFT OF SERVICES (LOCKETT, MATT; Aull, Chad; Camuel, Adrielle; Clines, Mike; Palumbo, Ruth Ann; Rudy, Steven)

AN ACT relating to theft of services.

Amend KRS 514.060, relating to theft of services, to include the conduct of a person holding the property of another under a rental agreement longer than the period agreed upon and depriving the owner of its use for future rentals. House Committee Substitute (1) Retain original provisions, except replace the term "personal property" with "rental equipment" and add that the person must intentionally refuse to pay or abscond without payment, fail to respond within 5 days after receiving notice by certified mail demanding return, and refuse to make an agreeable payment to a rental agency within 30 days of receipt of a late notice.

## RECENT STATUS

1/26/2024 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 87-0 with Committee Substitute (1)

1/26/2024 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ HCS 1

1/25/2024 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day for Friday, January 26, 2024

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## HB102 HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES (DOAN, STEVEN; Grossberg, Daniel; Tate, Nancy)

AN ACT relating to housing opportunities.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 100, relating to local planning and zoning, to require local governments to prioritize housing within applicable zones by easing minimum square footage requirements and aesthetic design requirements; facilitating the location of multifamily housing, accessory dwelling units, tiny homes, and manufactured housing; facilitating the permitting and variance process; easing minimum parking requirements, and standards for home occupations; and requiring that zoning laws have a substantial connection to protection of public safety, health, and usage of property; provide legal remedies; set conditions for the construction of the Act; amend KRS 141.435 and 141.437 to conform; provide that the Act may be cited as the Housing Opportunities Made Easier Act or the HOME Act; repeal KRS 100.348, relating to standards for manufactured homes.

## RECENT STATUS

1/9/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Local Government (H)

1/3/2024 - Introduced

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## HB111

### AMEND SECTION 170 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF KENTUCKY RELATING TO PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION

(HUFF, THOMAS)

AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 170 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to property exempt from taxation.

Propose to amend Section 170 of the Constitution of Kentucky to include in the homestead exemption for owners who are 65 years of age or older any increase in the valuation of the real property that is assessed after the later of the year the owner turned 65 or the year the owner purchased the property; apply the exemption to increases in valuation that occur after the date the amendment is ratified by the voters; provide ballot language; submit to voters for ratification or rejection.

## RECENT STATUS

1/3/2024 - Introduced

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## HB112 VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY (HUFF, THOMAS)

AN ACT relating to the valuation of real property for tax purposes.

Amend KRS 132.810 to require the assessed value of property qualifying for the homestead exemption with an owner who is 65 years of age or older be assessed at a value that is equal to or less than the value of the property in the year the owner turns 65 or the year the owner purchased the property, whichever occurs later; apply to property assessed on or after January 1, 2025.

#### RECENT STATUS

1/3/2024 - Introduced

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### HB120 LIMITED LIABILITY ENTITY TAX (FLANNERY, PATRICK; Moser, Kimberly Poore)

AN ACT relating to the limited liability entity tax.

Amend KRS 141.0401 to prevent entities doing business in Kentucky with gross receipts of less than \$100,000 from paying the limited liability entity tax for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

#### RECENT STATUS

1/18/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

1/3/2024 - Introduced

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### HB124 EMPLOYMENT (CALLAWAY, EMILY; Herron, Keturah; Bratcher, Kevin D.; Bratcher, Steve; Rawlings, Steve)

AN ACT relating to employment.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 335B.010 to 335B.070 to require hiring and licensing authorities to establish an application process that gives persons convicted of a crime an opportunity to apply for a position of public employment or occupational license before pursuing training; amend KRS 335.020 to add criteria for hiring and licensing authorities to consider when determining if a conviction directly relates to the position of public employment or occupational license sought; amend KRS 335B.030 to require hiring or licensing authorities to request information and allow an applicant a hearing before making a determination of hiring for a position of public employment or granting an occupational license, and provide written findings of fact to the applicant upon determination.

#### RECENT STATUS

1/3/2024 - Introduced

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### HB147 PROPERTY TAX RATES (FLEMING, KEN)

AN ACT relating to local property tax rate levies.

Amend KRS 132.017 to define "next regular election" as it pertains to placing on the ballot the question on whether a local property tax rate shall be levied to specify that the election may occur in the same or a subsequent calendar year as the levy; require the question to the voters to be framed to ask whether the voter is for the levy of the property tax rate; make technical corrections.

#### RECENT STATUS

1/22/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Elections, Const. Amendments & Intergovernmental Affairs (H) 1/4/2024 - Introduced

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## **HB172** EMINENT DOMAIN *(DOAN, STEVEN)*

AN ACT relating to eminent domain.

Amend KRS 416.580 and 416.660 to require property owners who are required to relocate as result of a condemnation to be compensated for discount points necessary to maintain interest rate.

### RECENT STATUS

1/5/2024 - Introduced

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## **HB181** TERMINATION OF RESIDENTIAL LEASES *(WILLNER, LISA)*

AN ACT relating to termination of residential leases.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 383 to permit a tenant to terminate a lease or rental agreement if he or she is seeking relocation due to a recent mental or physical health emergency; require the tenant to pay any rent due prorated to the effective date of termination; relieve the tenant from liability for any other rent or fees resulting from the termination.

### RECENT STATUS

1/8/2024 - Introduced

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## **HB222** TAX INCENTIVES FOR FIRST-TIME HOME BUYERS *(TIMONEY, KILLIAN; Bratcher, Kevin D.;*

*Bratcher,*

*Steve; Freeland, Chris; Moser, Kimberly Poore; Nemes, Jason)*

AN ACT relating to tax incentives for first-time home buyers.

Create a new section in KRS Chapter 141 to define terms; establish a tax deduction for contributions made to an eligible savings account by a first-time home buyer and allow an exclusion from income for any interest earned from an eligible savings account of a first-time home buyer effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, but before January 1, 2035; require the Department of Revenue to report to the Legislative Research Commission and the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue; amend KRS 141.019 and 131.190 to conform.

### RECENT STATUS

1/10/2024 - Introduced

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## HB256 PROMOTION OF STRONGER HOMES (POLLOCK, MICHAEL SARGE)

AN ACT relating to the promotion of stronger homes to resist losses due to catastrophic weather events and making an appropriation therefor.

Create a new section of Subtitle 2 of KRS Chapter 304 to establish the Strengthen Kentucky Homes Program; establish purpose; create the Strengthen Kentucky Homes Program fund; require the commissioner of insurance to promulgate administrative regulations to implement and administer program; create new sections of Subtitle 13 of KRS Chapter 304 to require property insurance companies to provide a premium discount or rate reduction for properties that have received a qualifying certificate of compliance under certain circumstances; permit the insurance commissioner to promulgate administrative regulations to establish standard discount amounts, targets, or benchmarks for coverage; require property insurance companies to offer an optional rider, endorsement, or supplemental policy provision to upgrade non-FORTIFIED single-family dwellings under certain circumstances; provide that Sections 2 and 3 of Act apply to insurance policies and contracts issued or renewed on or after March 1, 2026; provide when submissions are required for premium discounts or rate reductions and the optional rider, endorsement, or supplemental policy provision under Sections 2 and 3 of this Act; provide that the Act may be cited as the Strengthen Kentucky Homes Act; APPROPRIATION.

### RECENT STATUS

1/23/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Banking & Insurance (H)

1/16/2024 - Introduced

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## HB294 JURISDICTION OF CONTRACTOR DISPUTES (GROSSBERG, DANIEL)

AN ACT relating to jurisdiction of contractor disputes involving real property.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 411 to establish exclusive jurisdiction for contractor dispute actions involving real property located in this state.

### RECENT STATUS

1/17/2024 - Introduced

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## HB305 BUILDING CODE VIOLATIONS (CALLOWAY, JOSH)

AN ACT relating to building code violations.

Amend KRS 198B.130 to establish criteria for a violation for deviation from the Uniform State Building Code.

### RECENT STATUS

1/18/2024 - Introduced

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## HB314 COMMUNITY RESTORATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM (LAWRENCE, WILLIAM)

AN ACT relating to the community restoration incentive program.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to establish the community restoration tax credit for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, but before January 1, 2029, for financial institutions making loans to a community development financial institution; establish the annual credit cap at \$20 million; require the Department of Revenue to report tax credit data to the Legislative Research Commission and the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue; amend KRS 141.0205 to order the credit; amend KRS 131.190 to allow the Legislative Research Commission to receive confidential data about the community restoration tax credit from the Department of Revenue.

#### RECENT STATUS

1/19/2024 - Introduced

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### HB338 CELLULAR ANTENNA TOWERS (BRATCHER, KEVIN D.)

AN ACT relating to cellular antenna towers.

Amend KRS 100.987 to require planning commissions to receive complaints regarding a public nuisance located at a cellular antenna tower site; require planning commission to hold a public meeting, require owners of a cellular antenna to attend the public meeting and take all necessary actions to address the public nuisance.

#### RECENT STATUS

1/22/2024 - Introduced

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### HB344 HOUSING DISCRIMINATION (BURKE, LINDSEY; Stalker, Sarah; Aull, Chad; Camuel, Adrielle; Chester-Burton, Beverly; Herron, Keturah; Raymond, Josie; Roarx, Rachel; Stevenson, Cherlynn; Stevenson, Pamela)

AN ACT relating to housing discrimination.

Amend KRS 344.010 to define "source of income"; amend KRS 344.360, 344.367, and 344.370 to prohibit housing discrimination based on an individual's source of income.

#### RECENT STATUS

1/23/2024 - Introduced

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### HB388 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (NEMES, JASON; Fleming, Ken; Bauman, Jared; Bratcher, Kevin D.; Bratcher, Steve; Callaway, Emily; Hodgson, John; Witten, Susan)

AN ACT relating to local government and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 67C.147, relating to urban service taxing districts in consolidated local governments, to require the consolidated local government to reimburse fire districts operating under KRS Chapter 75 that made emergency medical runs within the area of the urban service tax district; require no more than 10 percent of funding of the services contracted with the consolidated local government by the urban service tax district come from taxes levied by the consolidated local government from areas outside the urban service tax district between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2030; provide that no such funding come from outside the urban service tax district on or after July 1, 2030; amend KRS 67C.111, regarding incorporation and annexation of cities in a county containing a consolidated local



government, to adjust the number of signatures required in a petition for mandatory action; prohibit a city in a county containing a consolidated local government from annexing manufacturing areas, as defined, primarily for the purpose of obtaining occupational license tax revenue unless the annexation is consented to by each property owner in the area to be annexed; create a new section of KRS Chapter 65 to provide that members of local boards, commission, committees, and other bodies created by or appointed by local governments have geographic and political party affiliation diversity; amend KRS 67C.103 to require the election of council members in a consolidated local government to be nonpartisan; amend KRS 67C.105 to require the election of a mayor in a consolidated local government to be nonpartisan; amend KRS 117.125 to conform; amend KRS 177.360 to direct consolidated local governments to establish procedures to prioritize projects undertaken with county road aid funds; establish the Property Valuation Review Commission to review assessments in a county containing a consolidated local government; ensure that the assessments are consistent and uniform; provide for appointments by mayor from recommendations of various entities; require that the commission report to the Legislative Research Commission, the mayor and metro council of the consolidated local government, and the Finance and Administration Cabinet no later than December 31, 2024; Sections 4, 5, and 6 EFFECTIVE January 1, 2025; EMERGENCY, in part.

#### RECENT STATUS

1/25/2024 - Introduced

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SB5

#### HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES (WILLIAMS, GEX; Thayer, Damon; Deneen, Matthew; Douglas,

Donald; Elkins, Greg; Meredith, Stephen; Mills, Robby; Storm, Brandon J.; Tichenor, Lindsey; Turner, Johnnie; Wheeler, Phillip; Wilson, Mike; Wise, Max)

AN ACT relating to hunting and fishing licenses and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 150.170 to remove the requirement that resident owners of farmlands must own five or more acres of land in order to be exempt from sport hunting and sport fishing license requirements when hunting or fishing on their own farmlands. Senate Committee Substitute (1) Retain original provisions; add an emergency clause; EMERGENCY.

#### RECENT STATUS

1/10/2024 - received in House

1/9/2024 - (S) THIRD READING passed 35-0 with committee substitute (1) and committee amendment (1t)

1/9/2024 - (S) THIRD READING; w/SCS1 and SCA1t

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SB15

#### CONSUMER DATA PRIVACY (WESTERFIELD, WHITNEY)

AN ACT relating to consumer data privacy.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 367 to define terms; set the parameters for applicability of this Act; define various consumer rights related to data collection; require a data controller to comply with a consumer request to exercise those rights; require controllers to establish a process for consumers to appeal a controller's refusal to act on a consumer's request to exercise a right; set forth requirements for persons or entities that control or process personal data; require persons who control data to conduct data protection impact assessments; establish that the Attorney General has exclusive authority to enforce this Act and shall provide a controller or processor 30 days' written notice identifying the specific provisions that were violated; provide that if a controller or processor does not cure a violation within 30 days, the Attorney General may initiate an action and seek damages for up to \$7,500 for each violation; create a consumer privacy fund in the State Treasury to be administered by the Office of the Attorney General and direct that all civil penalties collected with regard to enforcement actions be deposited in the fund; amend KRS 367.240 to conform; provide that the Act may be cited as the Kentucky Consumer Data Protection Act; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2026.

## RECENT STATUS

1/3/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Economic Development, Tourism, & Labor (S)

1/2/2024 - Introduced

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## SB16 AGRICULTURAL OPERATION INTERFERENCE (SCHICKEL, JOHN; Girdler, Rick; Storm, Brandon J.; Webb, Robin L.)

AN ACT relating to agricultural operation interference.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 511 to define terms; prohibit the operation of unmanned aircraft, video or audio recording devices, or photography equipment on or above a concentrated animal feeding operation or commercial food manufacturing or processing facility without written consent of the owner or authorized representative of the facility; establish a Class B misdemeanor for violations.

## RECENT STATUS

1/23/2024 - Senate Agriculture (S), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

1/3/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Agriculture (S)

1/2/2024 - Introduced

[SB16 Bill Page](#)



## SB21 TAXATION (DENEEN, MATTHEW; Meredith, Stephen; Tichenor, Lindsey)

AN ACT relating to taxation and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 132.810 to remove the requirement that totally disabled persons filing for the homestead exemption apply annually and only require a person to reapply if the disability status of the person changes; create a new section of KRS Chapter 140 to sunset inheritance and estate taxes; repeal KRS 140.130 and 140.140 to conform; EMERGENCY.

## RECENT STATUS

1/3/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Appropriations & Revenue (S)

1/2/2024 - Introduced

[SB21 Bill Page](#)



## SB23 AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION (NEMES, MICHAEL J.; Douglas, Donald; Girdler, Rick; Meredith, Stephen; Tichenor, Lindsey)

AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 170 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to property exempt from taxation.

Propose to amend Section 170 of the Constitution of Kentucky to include in the homestead exemption for owners who are 65 years of age or older any increase in the valuation of the real property that is assessed after the later of the year the owner turned 65 or the year the owner purchased the property; apply the exemption to increases in valuation that occur after the date the amendment is ratified by the voters; provide ballot language; submit to voters for ratification or rejection.

## RECENT STATUS

1/25/2024 - (S) SECOND READING, to Rules

1/24/2024 - (S) FIRST READING

1/24/2024 - (S) Reported Favorably

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## SB25 LANDLORD AND TENANT ORDINANCES (WEST, STEPHEN; Boswell, Gary; Deneen, Matthew; Douglas, Donald; Wilson, Mike)

AN ACT relating to local landlord and tenant ordinances.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 383 to prohibit local governments from adopting or enforcing an ordinance that requires a landlord to participate in a housing program under Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937; prohibit local governments from adopting or enforcing an ordinance relating to landlord and tenant laws that is in conflict with state law.

## RECENT STATUS

1/25/2024 - received in House

1/24/2024 - (S) THIRD READING, passed 30-6

1/24/2024 - (S) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day

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## SB34 FAMILY WELL-BEING (WESTERFIELD, WHITNEY)

AN ACT relating to the promotion of family well-being and making an appropriation therefor.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 205 to require the eligibility periods for all public assistance programs administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services be extended to the maximum period of eligibility permitted under federal law; prohibit the Cabinet for Health and Family Services from relying exclusively on automated, artificial-intelligence based, or algorithmic software in the identification of fraud in programs administered by the cabinet; require Cabinet for Health and Family Services personnel to review relevant documentation before denying, discontinuing, or reducing an individual's benefits; amend KRS 205.178 to conform; amend KRS 205.231 to establish a presumption of innocence for public assistance beneficiaries when appealing a decision to disqualify the individual; create a new section of Subtitle 17 of KRS Chapter 304 to require insurers to provide a special enrollment period for pregnant individuals and specify coverage requirements; amend KRS 304.17A-145 to require health benefit plans that provide coverage for dependents to cover maternity care for all covered individuals regardless of age; amend KRS 18A.225, 164.2871, 194A.099, 205.522, 205.6485, and 205.5372 to conform; amend KRS 205.592 to allow Medicaid income limits for certain women and children to be increased under certain circumstances; create a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to require Medicaid coverage for lactation support services and breastfeeding supplies; amend KRS 205.1783 to require the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment and Training program to offer the same services as are offered to Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program participants; amend KRS 100.982 and 100.984 to permit the operation of family child-care homes in any residential zone without a conditional use permit; amend KRS 199.894 to define terms; create a new section of KRS Chapter 199 to establish the Child Care Assistance Program; create a new section of KRS Chapter 383 to allow court eviction-records to be expunged after three years; require payment of back rent; create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to establish a tuition and student fee waiver for eligible pregnant women and parents; direct the Legislative Research Commission to establish the Basic Health Program Design Task Force to make recommendations regarding the basic health program eligibility, cost sharing, and reimbursement rates; authorize the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to establish a basic health program; direct the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to prepare and submit federal waiver applications to provide supported housing and supported employment services to certain Medicaid beneficiaries; to waive the single risk pool requirement and establish a state-based reinsurance program; and to permit the cabinet to accept SNAP applications from incarcerated individuals up to six months prior to release; appropriate to the Kentucky Housing Corporation: 2024-2026: \$10,000,000 for a rental assistance program for pregnant women and households that include children under the five years of age; appropriate to the Department of Agriculture: 2024-2026 \$2,200,000 to establish a school nutrition reimbursement program and to support the Senior

Farmers' Market Nutrition Assistance Program; appropriate to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services: 2024-2025: \$284,843,200, 2025-2026: \$314,838,400 to expand the Women, Infants, and Children Farmers Market Nutrition Assistance Program to include Jefferson County, establish a Women, Infants, and Children's Program supplemental payment, expand Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training program offerings; support the Child Care Assistance Program, and fund an additional 280 slots in the Home and Community Based waiver program, an additional 2,100 slots in the Michelle P. waiver program, and an additional 800 slots in the Supports for Community Living waiver program; direct the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to seek federal approval as necessary; direct the Department of Insurance to seek a federal cost defrayment waiver as necessary; provide that the Act may be cited as the Advancing Lives for Pregnancy and Healthy Alternatives Act or the ALPHA Act; APPROPRIATION; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2025.

#### RECENT STATUS

1/5/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Appropriations & Revenue (S)

1/2/2024 - Introduced

[SB34 Bill Page](#)



### SB54 HEIRS AND PROPERTY (THOMAS, REGINALD)

AN ACT relating to heirs property and making an appropriation therefor.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 381 to enact the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act; define terms, including "heirs property"; create a mechanism for partition or sale among cotenants by the court; create requirements for notice and determination of value through agreement or appraisal; create protocol for buyouts, partition alternatives, partition in kind, sale by open market, sealed bids, or auction; create the heirs property research fund; amend KRS 324B.050 to authorize the Kentucky Real Estate Authority to promulgate administrative regulations to issue grants from the fund; amend KRS 64.012 to increase the recording and indexing fee collected by county clerks by \$1 and to direct those additional fees to the heirs property research fund; amend KRS 381.135 and 389A.030 to conform; APPROPRIATION.

#### RECENT STATUS

1/3/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Appropriations & Revenue (S)

1/2/2024 - Introduced

[SB54 Bill Page](#)



### SB58 PROPERTY TAX RATES (BOSWELL, GARY)

AN ACT relating to property tax rates.

Amend KRS 132.017 to allow any registered voter who resides in the district to file a petition; remove the requirement that a petition committee be formed and an affidavit to be filed with the county clerk; remove the requirement that the county clerk publish a notice about the tax rate challenge in the newspaper; allow each sheet of the petition to contain the names of voters from more than one voting precinct; remove the requirement that the petition signees put their Social Security number or the name and number of their designated voting precinct on the petition; amend KRS 132.018 to conform.

#### RECENT STATUS

1/4/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

1/3/2024 - Introduced

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## **SB69** AD VALOREM TAX RATE *(BOSWELL, GARY)*

AN ACT relating to the levy of an ad valorem tax rate.

Repeal and reenact KRS 132.017 to require the portion of a property tax rate which will produce revenue from real property, exclusive of revenue from new property, more than four percent over the amount of revenue produced by the compensating tax rate to be subject to recall by the voters of the district; establish requirements for the ballot question, notifying the public, the election process, and recalling the rate; allow the cancellation of the election; disallow local, state, and federal tax dollars to be used to advocate for the rate; amend various statutes to conform; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2025.

### **RECENT STATUS**

1/8/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

1/4/2024 - Introduced

[SB69 Bill Page](#)



## **SB76** LOCAL GOVERNMENTS *(WEST, STEPHEN)*

AN ACT relating to local governments.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 65 to prohibit local governments from adopting or enforcing an ordinance relating to landlord or tenant laws that is in conflict with the laws of this Commonwealth.

### **RECENT STATUS**

1/8/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

1/5/2024 - Introduced

[SB76 Bill Page](#)



## **SB118** TRESPASS *(MEREDITH, STEPHEN)*

AN ACT relating to trespass.

Amend KRS 511.070 to allow notice of trespass to be given through the placement of identifying purple paint marks on property; require any owner or lessee who marks his or her real property in such a manner to also provide clear written notice forbidding entry.

### **RECENT STATUS**

1/24/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Agriculture (S)

1/22/2024 - Introduced

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## **SB122** FORCIBLE DETAINER ACTIONS *(GIRDLER, RICK)*

AN ACT relating to forcible detainer actions.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 383 to allow a landlord to file and practice a forcible detainer action.

## RECENT STATUS

1/24/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary (S)

1/22/2024 - Introduced

SB122 Bill Page



## SB134 CIVIL RIGHTS (NEAL, GERALD A.)

AN ACT relating to civil rights.

Amend KRS 344.010 to include definitions for "sexual orientation" and "gender identity"; amend KRS 344.020, relating to the purpose of the Kentucky's civil rights chapter, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity; amend KRS 344.025, 344.040, 344.050, 344.060, 344.070, and 344.080, relating to prohibited discrimination in various labor and employment practices, to include discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity; amend KRS 344.100 and 344.110 to conform; amend KRS 344.120 and 344.140, relating to prohibited discrimination in places of public accommodation, to include discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity; amend KRS 344.170, 344.180, 344.190, 344.300, and 344.310, relating to the state and local human rights commissions, to include prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity in the scope of their powers and duties; amend KRS 344.360, 344.370, 344.380, and 344.680, relating to prohibited discrimination in certain housing, real estate, and other financial transactions, to include discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity; amend KRS 344.367, relating to prohibited discrimination in certain insurance sales, to include discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity; amend KRS 344.400, relating to prohibited discrimination in certain credit transactions, to include discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity; make various technical amendments; amend KRS 18A.095 to conform.

## RECENT STATUS

1/26/2024 - Introduced

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## Week in Review

### Constitutional amendment to use public money for non-public schools proposed in KY House

Priority GOP legislation that would allow public funding to non-public schools was filed in the Kentucky House Friday. Kentucky Lantern

### School choice measure will reach Kentucky's November ballot, key lawmaker predicts

Kentucky lawmakers are likely to put a proposal on the November ballot allowing voters to weigh in on whether the state should offer support for enrollments in charter and private schools, a key House committee chairman predicted Thursday. Lexington Herald-Leader

### Kentucky House GOP leader files 'school choice' bill to amend state constitution

A member of Republican leadership in the Kentucky House of Representatives has filed a bill that would amend the state constitution to allow public money to go to private and charter schools. Lexington Herald-Leader

### Kentucky Democratic Party executive director to leave, replacement named

The Kentucky Democratic Party will soon have a new leader. Morgan Eaves, a Lexington attorney with a history in Kentucky Democratic politics, has been named executive director, according to a press release from the party Friday. Lexington Herald-Leader

### 'Safer Kentucky' or 'Suffer Kentucky'? House advances GOP crime bill after heated debate

A sweeping measure aimed at reforming Kentucky's criminal law passed the House following hours of vociferous Democratic opposition.

Louisville Courier-Journal

### Car windshield tinting could become legal in Kentucky

Kentucky lawmakers are considering a measure that would allow vehicle owners to tint their windshields if the tinting allows at least 70% light transmittance.

Louisville Courier-Journal

### **Legislation filed to repeal Kentucky's anti-trans law - last year's Senate Bill 150**

Another attempt toward repealing Kentucky's anti-trans law was made Thursday, with Democrats filing a bill to repeal last year's Senate Bill 150.

Louisville Courier-Journal

### **New bill would undo Kentucky's gender-affirming health care ban. It faces a big hurdle**

A bill to repeal a law passed last year that bans gender-affirming health care for transgender youth and sets a host of parameters around the treatment of trans kids in public schools was filed on Thursday by two Democrats. Lexington Herald-Leader

### **Bill to let police remove guns from people in crisis has 'uphill climb' in Kentucky legislature**

Police could seek court orders to temporarily remove firearms from people thought to pose an "immediate and present danger" of hurting themselves or others under a bill filed Thursday in the Kentucky legislature.

WDRB

### **Sweeping GOP bill increasing criminal penalties, outlawing 'street camping' clears Kentucky House**

A sweeping anti-crime bill pushed by Louisville Republicans won approval Thursday in the Kentucky House after much debate and a few changes to the legislation. Kentucky Lantern

### **Bill removing college IDs as primary voting ID clears committee**

A change could be coming to what forms of identification are needed to vote in person. Senate Bill 80 passed its committee favorably 9-2 Wednesday; if enacted, it would remove college IDs as a primary form of identification to vote. Spectrum News

### **Why are KY legislators fleeing Frankfort? Blame Trump, low pay and nasty politics**

Sen. Whitney Westerfield used to be the only one who could get his young daughter, Hadley, to go to sleep. Lexington Herald-Leader

### **On Kentucky Politics: Final Jeopardy! What is the Kentucky legislature passing?**

Welcome back to On Kentucky Politics, the newsletter that keeps you updated on what's going on with elected officials and government in the Bluegrass State and Louisville. Our aim is to keep you informed and hold public officials accountable, and we could not do it without you. So thank you for your readership and support. Louisville Courier-Journal

### **KY's legislature used to be a stable place. Today? Lawmakers are abandoning their jobs**

The Kentucky General Assembly used to churn through members. Over an 18-year stretch from 1947 to 1965, only 41% of all House members and 32% of Senate members won re-election. Almost half of all state-level elected officials chose to retire.

Lexington Herald-Leader

### **UK's Eli Capilouto on 'responsibility to advance Kentucky,' DEI, health care, more**

In a recent interview with the Herald-Leader, Capilouto said he is grateful to legislators for their support of UK, which "translates into infrastructure and talent." When asked about the recent diversity, equity and inclusion bills that have been filed, Capilouto said he hopes to speak with legislators to learn more about the goals of the proposed legislation. Lexington Herald-Leader

### **KY House sends controversial anti-crime bill to Senate. What changed, what stayed in?**

The Kentucky House made more changes on Thursday to its sprawling, controversial anti-crime package before sending it to the Senate and an uncertain fate. Lexington Herald-Leader

### **KY lawmakers file bipartisan crisis aversion measure: 'It's not a gun-grabbing bill'**

A highly anticipated bipartisan effort to remove guns from people who are found to be at risk of hurting themselves or others was filed Thursday in the Kentucky Senate. Lexington Herald-Leader

### **KY rep. files bill requiring video produced by anti-abortion group to be shown in schools**

A bill requiring public schools to teach students about "human growth and development" by way of a computer-generated video produced by an anti-abortion nonprofit, was filed Tuesday. Lexington Herald-Leader

### **Legislative update: Week three of the session**

The Kentucky General Assembly reconvened in Frankfort on Tuesday after observing Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to start the third week of the 2024 Regular Session. Winchester Sun

### **Bill criminalizing child sex dolls, deep fake child porn advances in Kentucky legislature**

Knowingly owning or selling child sex dolls would become a felony in Kentucky under a Republican bill that unanimously passed a House committee Wednesday.

Winchester Sun

### **Children's Advocacy Day held at state Capitol**



Hundreds of Kentucky kids packed the halls of the state Capitol for Children's Advocacy Day. It's a yearly event, hosted by Kentucky Youth Advocates that gives kids a firsthand look at how government works, as part of a week's worth of activities. This is also the 20th year it's been held. [Spectrum News](#)

**Jury service currently earns Kentuckians a whopping \$5 a day. A bill would up that amount to \$25, but lawmakers want to see more.** Jurors in Kentucky would see a modest boost in pay under a bill on its way to the state House.

[WUKY](#)

**Kentucky Homeland Security explains benefits of 911 tech upgrades to lawmakers**

Officials with Kentucky's Office of Homeland Security told lawmakers about a plan to overhaul the state's aging, analog 911 emergency communications system this week.

[WKMS](#)

**Kentucky 'moment of silence' bill advances. Critics worry it could force prayer in school**

A Republican-backed bill that would require students to engage in a moment of silence at the beginning of each school day was approved by Kentucky's House Education committee Tuesday. [Lexington Herald-Leader](#)

**As public broadband networks ramp up, so do new attacks**

In a report last week, the Institute for Local Self Reliance (ILSR) said that the US has gained an additional 47 municipal broadband networks since January 2021, bringing the total to nearly 450. That's in addition to "dozens" of others that are underway, said the group, and it doesn't include hundreds of other community-led networks, like those being built by electric cooperatives and tribes. But as municipal and public networks gain in popularity, efforts to squash them are growing as well. [Associated Press](#)

**Out of state drug treatment patients taking resources away from KY cities, officials say**

Some local officials are raising concerns that Kentucky taxpayers are helping foot the bill for substance-abuse recovery services for people from other states. Read more at: <https://www.kentucky.com/news/politics-government/article284574435.html#storylink=cpy> [Lexington Herald-Leader](#)

**After biblical debate, Kentucky House backs bill blocking source-of-income bans**

Following a debate that included Bible references and indignation, the Kentucky House passed a controversial bill Tuesday that could block Louisville and other local governments from prohibiting source-of-income discrimination in housing. [Louisville Courier-Journal](#)

**Anti-farming surveillance bill hits setback in committee**

During a committee meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 24, State Sen. John Schickel, R-Union, discussed Senate Bill 16, a farm bill that Schickel says is meant to protect animal agriculture operations. [Spectrum News](#)

**Ky. lawmaker revives push for more thorough background checks on school staff**

House Bill 275 would require districts and private schools to check with applicants' previous employers to verify they were not found to have sexually abused students.

[WKMS](#)

**Kentucky Senate president mulls funding for private, charter schools**

Kentucky lawmakers aren't giving up on a proposed school choice amendment after recent court rulings struck down laws to publicly fund private and charter schools. [LINK NKY](#)

**Citing a Bevin commutation, Republican lawmaker wants to limit Kentucky governor's pardon powers**

A Kentucky Republican lawmaker wants to limit pardoning and sentence commuting powers for Kentucky governors after learning a convicted murderer and rapist is now up for parole after outgoing Republican Gov. Matt Bevin commuted his death sentence. [Kentucky Lantern](#)

**A bill targeting low-income housing vouchers passes Kentucky Senate**

A bill that would prevent Kentucky cities from requiring landlords to accept low-income housing vouchers, something housing advocates say doesn't happen, passed the state Senate Wednesday by a near party line vote. [Kentucky Lantern](#)

**College photo IDs would no longer suffice to vote in Kentucky under bill moving in Senate**

A bill that would block Kentuckians from using university-issued IDs to vote has passed out of a Senate committee, prompting the Republican secretary of state to warn members of his party to "be careful not to gratuitously alienate young voters." [Kentucky Lantern](#)

**Kentucky death row inmates spend years waiting for executions that aren't coming**

White was 20 years old when he was convicted of taking part in the brutal murders of three elderly Breathitt County shopkeepers in February 1979. The following year, he was sentenced to death by execution. [Kentucky Lantern](#)

**Student IDs soon might not be enough to enable young people to vote in Kentucky**

A bill that was recommended for approval by a Senate committee Thursday would cut into the number of identification documents allowed to confirm a voter's identity in Kentucky. [Louisville Courier-Journal](#)

### **Opponents fear House-approved bill would preempt a Louisville housing ordinance**

Republican-backed legislation passed the Kentucky House of Representatives Tuesday that would ban local governments from requiring landlords to accept federal housing vouchers from tenants, something housing advocates say no local government has done. Kentucky Lantern

### **Senate OKs expanding KEES eligibility to homeschool students, including those who take alternative entrance exam**

Kentucky senators approved a bill that would make homeschool students eligible for a state-funded scholarship, but some raised concerns over the inclusion of a Christian-backed alternative college entrance exam as an equivalent test. Kentucky Lantern

### **Discussion, no vote on bill mandating how academics in Kentucky would be evaluated**

The Kentucky House Education Committee discussed but did not vote on a bill Tuesday that would allow public universities and colleges to remove faculty who fall short of "productivity requirements." Kentucky Lantern

### **'Moment of silence' would be mandatory in Kentucky public schools under bill moved by House committee**

Kentucky public schools would be required to begin each day with a moment of silence or reflection under a bill that was advanced Tuesday by the House Education Committee. Kentucky Lantern

### **Bill sparks controversy over parental access to medical records**

A Kentucky lawmaker's attempt to give parents or guardians legal access to a minor's medical records is drawing fire from state reproductive health and mental health advocates. LINK NKY

### **Legislators considering admission test criticized for emphasizing Bible**

A college admission test criticized for emphasizing the Bible and conservative social ideas could factor into state merit scholarship awards under a bill that passed the Kentucky Senate on Tuesday.

LINK NKY

### **Kentucky lawmakers consider bill to improve math scores**

Kentucky lawmakers are aiming to improve math scores, as most students continue to perform at a novice level in math. House Bill 162 would provide support and intervention for students in grades fourth through eighth to get them back on track. Spectrum News

### **Tenured educators could be removed by universities if they fail to meet requirements of four-year review, under new bill A**

Kentucky bill discussed in committee Tuesday would require the state's public colleges and universities to establish a four-year review process for faculty — and grant schools the authority to remove even tenured educators based on that review.

WUKY

### **'Safer Kentucky Act': What's in the controversial anti-crime bill?**

The "Safer Kentucky Act" is a wide-ranging bill under consideration in the state legislature. Also known as House Bill 5, the controversial bill has been in the works since late last year with the support of 52 co-sponsors and Rep. Jared Bauman, R-Louisville, as the driving force.

Louisville Courier-Journal

### **LRC analysis of McDaniel-sponsored SB10 shows local cost savings greater than original estimates**

An updated fiscal analysis compiled by non-partisan Legislative Research Commission staff for Senate Bill 10 (SB 10), sponsored by Senate Budget Chair Chris McDaniel, R-Ryland Heights, anticipates nearly \$20 million in local government cost savings during a calendar year of an eliminated primary and general election. Northern Kentucky Tribune

### **Senate bill aims to expand KEES funds for homeschooled kids**

Homeschooled students in Kentucky may soon have access to more scholarship money to attend college. Senate Bill 7 would expand Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship or KEES funding to include students that are homeschooled. Spectrum News

### **Kentucky GOP bill would require child support for fetuses**

Expectant mothers could claim child support during pregnancy under a bill in this year's Kentucky General Assembly. But opponents say seeking financial support for the unborn is part of an anti-abortion agenda.

WKMS

### **Lexington committee passes ban on housing voucher discrimination despite pending bills**

A controversial proposal prohibiting landlords from discriminating against people who use housing vouchers and other forms of payment for rent passed a key Lexington council committee Tuesday. Lexington Herald-Leader

### **Teacher sexual misconduct bill gets initial approval as Kentucky graduate describes abuse**

A bill aimed at teacher sexual misconduct involving K-12 students was approved Tuesday by Kentucky's House Education Committee as a young woman described how she was sexually abused by her high school teacher. Lexington Herald-Leader

### **Kentucky lawmakers advance a bill intended to prevent military veteran suicides**

Suicide prevention legislation focused on Kentucky's veterans started advancing Tuesday as lawmakers pursue a strategy meant to better serve those who joined the military. Associated Press

**Spending to lobby Kentucky legislature hit all-time high in 2023, spurred by gambling bills**

More than 800 corporations, associations and other groups reported spending \$24.7 million to influence the Kentucky General Assembly last year, according to data posted Thursday on the Legislative Ethics Commission's website. [LINK](#) NKY

**Kentucky bill seeks to restrict police departments' use of license plate readers. Here's why.**

A bill moving through the Kentucky state legislature looks to put stricter rules around automatic license plate readers, like Flock cameras.

WHAS TV

**Kentucky K-12 leaders concerned by 'drastic' takeover threat in GOP budget proposal**

The Republican budget proposal threatens school districts with "takeover" if they don't make progress on employee recruitment and retention. The Kentucky School Boards Association and its members are worried.

WKMS

**Spending to lobby Kentucky legislature hit all-time high in 2023, spurred by gambling**

**bills** Gambling interests drove lobbying spending in Frankfort to a record level in 2023. [LINK](#)

NKY

**Nail technicians call for state regulation changes**

A group of nail technicians and salon owners want to make changes to how their industry is regulated. They have said the current system and oversight board is hurting businesses, which is why they support the passage of Senate Bill 14.

Spectrum News

**House education chair says professor review bill is not aimed at limiting tenure in Kentucky**

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