

1 AN ACT relating to veterans' income taxation.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 141.019 is amended to read as follows:

4 In the case of taxpayers other than corporations:

- 5 (1) Adjusted gross income shall be calculated by subtracting from the gross income of
6 those taxpayers the deductions allowed individuals by Section 62 of the Internal
7 Revenue Code and adjusting as follows:
- 8 (a) Exclude income that is exempt from state taxation by the Kentucky
9 Constitution and the Constitution and statutory laws of the United States;
 - 10 (b) Exclude income from supplemental annuities provided by the Railroad
11 Retirement Act of 1937 as amended and which are subject to federal income
12 tax by Pub. L. No. 89-699;
 - 13 (c) Include interest income derived from obligations of sister states and political
14 subdivisions thereof;
 - 15 (d) Exclude employee pension contributions picked up as provided for in KRS
16 6.505, 16.545, 21.360, 61.523, 61.560, 65.155, 67A.320, 67A.510, 78.610,
17 and 161.540 upon a ruling by the Internal Revenue Service or the federal
18 courts that these contributions shall not be included as gross income until such
19 time as the contributions are distributed or made available to the employee;
 - 20 (e) Exclude Social Security and railroad retirement benefits subject to federal
21 income tax;
 - 22 (f) Exclude any money received because of a settlement or judgment in a lawsuit
23 brought against a manufacturer or distributor of "Agent Orange" for damages
24 resulting from exposure to Agent Orange by a member or veteran of the
25 Armed Forces of the United States or any dependent of such person who
26 served in Vietnam;
 - 27 (g) 1. a. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2005, but before

1 January 1, 2018, exclude up to forty-one thousand one hundred ten
2 dollars (\$41,110) of total distributions from pension plans, annuity
3 contracts, profit-sharing plans, retirement plans, or employee
4 savings plans; and

5 b. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, exclude
6 up to thirty-one thousand one hundred ten dollars (\$31,110) of
7 total distributions from pension plans, annuity contracts, profit-
8 sharing plans, retirement plans, or employee savings plans.

9 2. As used in this paragraph:

10 a. "Annuity contract" has the same meaning as set forth in Section
11 1035 of the Internal Revenue Code;

12 b. "Distributions" includes but is not limited to any lump-sum
13 distribution from pension or profit-sharing plans qualifying for the
14 income tax averaging provisions of Section 402 of the Internal
15 Revenue Code; any distribution from an individual retirement
16 account as defined in Section 408 of the Internal Revenue Code;
17 and any disability pension distribution; and

18 c. "Pension plans, profit-sharing plans, retirement plans, or employee
19 savings plans" means any trust or other entity created or organized
20 under a written retirement plan and forming part of a stock bonus,
21 pension, or profit-sharing plan of a public or private employer for
22 the exclusive benefit of employees or their beneficiaries and
23 includes plans qualified or unqualified under Section 401 of the
24 Internal Revenue Code and individual retirement accounts as
25 defined in Section 408 of the Internal Revenue Code;

26 (h) 1. a. Exclude the portion of the distributive share of a shareholder's net
27 income from an S corporation subject to the franchise tax imposed

- 1 under KRS 136.505 or the capital stock tax imposed under KRS
2 136.300; and
- 3 b. Exclude the portion of the distributive share of a shareholder's net
4 income from an S corporation related to a qualified subchapter S
5 subsidiary subject to the franchise tax imposed under KRS
6 136.505 or the capital stock tax imposed under KRS 136.300.
- 7 2. The shareholder's basis of stock held in an S corporation where the S
8 corporation or its qualified subchapter S subsidiary is subject to the
9 franchise tax imposed under KRS 136.505 or the capital stock tax
10 imposed under KRS 136.300 shall be the same as the basis for federal
11 income tax purposes;
- 12 (i) Exclude income received for services performed as a precinct worker for
13 election training or for working at election booths in state, county, and local
14 primaries or regular or special elections;
- 15 (j) Exclude any capital gains income attributable to property taken by eminent
16 domain;
- 17 (k) 1. Exclude all income from all sources for members of the Armed Forces
18 who are on active duty and who are killed in the line of duty, for the year
19 during which the death occurred and the year prior to the year during
20 which the death occurred.
- 21 2. For the purposes of this paragraph, "all income from all sources" shall
22 include all federal and state death benefits payable to the estate or any
23 beneficiaries;
- 24 (l) Exclude all military pay received by members of the Armed Forces while on
25 active duty;
- 26 (m) 1. Include the amount deducted for depreciation under 26 U.S.C. sec. 167
27 or 168; and

- 1 2. Exclude the amounts allowed by KRS 141.0101 for depreciation;
- 2 (n) Include the amount deducted under 26 U.S.C. sec. 199A;
- 3 (o) Ignore any change in the cost basis of the surviving spouse's share of property
- 4 owned by a Kentucky community property trust occurring for federal income
- 5 tax purposes as a result of the death of the predeceasing spouse;~~[-and]~~
- 6 (p) Allow the same treatment allowed under Pub. L. No. 116-260, secs. 276 and
- 7 278, related to the tax treatment of forgiven covered loans, deductions
- 8 attributable to those loans, and tax attributes associated with those loans for
- 9 taxable years ending on or after March 27, 2020, but before January 1, 2022;
- 10 and
- 11 *(q) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, but before*
- 12 *January 1, 2026, exclude amounts allowed by Section 2 of this Act; and*
- 13 (2) Net income shall be calculated by subtracting from adjusted gross income all the
- 14 deductions allowed individuals by Chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code, as
- 15 modified by KRS 141.0101, except:
- 16 (a) Any deduction allowed by 26 U.S.C. sec. 164 for taxes;
- 17 (b) Any deduction allowed by 26 U.S.C. sec. 165 for losses, except wagering
- 18 losses allowed under Section 165(d) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- 19 (c) Any deduction allowed by 26 U.S.C. sec. 213 for medical care expenses;
- 20 (d) Any deduction allowed by 26 U.S.C. sec. 217 for moving expenses;
- 21 (e) Any deduction allowed by 26 U.S.C. sec. 67 for any other miscellaneous
- 22 deduction;
- 23 (f) Any deduction allowed by the Internal Revenue Code for amounts allowable
- 24 under KRS 140.090(1)(h) in calculating the value of the distributive shares of
- 25 the estate of a decedent, unless there is filed with the income return a
- 26 statement that the deduction has not been claimed under KRS 140.090(1)(h);
- 27 (g) Any deduction allowed by 26 U.S.C. sec. 151 for personal exemptions and

1 any other deductions in lieu thereof;

2 (h) Any deduction allowed for amounts paid to any club, organization, or
 3 establishment which has been determined by the courts or an agency
 4 established by the General Assembly and charged with enforcing the civil
 5 rights laws of the Commonwealth, not to afford full and equal membership
 6 and full and equal enjoyment of its goods, services, facilities, privileges,
 7 advantages, or accommodations to any person because of race, color, religion,
 8 national origin, or sex, except nothing shall be construed to deny a deduction
 9 for amounts paid to any religious or denominational club, group, or
 10 establishment or any organization operated solely for charitable or educational
 11 purposes which restricts membership to persons of the same religion or
 12 denomination in order to promote the religious principles for which it is
 13 established and maintained; and

14 (i) A taxpayer may elect to claim the standard deduction allowed by KRS
 15 141.081 instead of itemized deductions allowed pursuant to 26 U.S.C. sec. 63
 16 and as modified by this section.

17 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 141 IS CREATED TO
 18 READ AS FOLLOWS:

19 **(1) For purposes of this section:**

20 **(a) "Armed Forces" has the same meaning as in KRS 141.175; and**

21 **(b) "Veteran" means any individual who served in the Armed Forces on active**
 22 **duty as defined in KRS 141.175 and who was discharged or released**
 23 **therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable.**

24 **(2) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, but before January 1,**
 25 **2026, there shall be allowed a deduction of income from all sources for a veteran.**
 26 **If the veteran's first year of residency in this state extends beyond the expiration**
 27 **of this tax deduction, the provisions of this section shall still apply, so long as the**

1 residency is maintained or established prior to January 1, 2026.

2 (3) The deduction shall apply to:

3 (a) A veteran, who upon exit from the military, remains or moves into Kentucky
4 and remains in this state for a minimum of three (3) consecutive years
5 thereafter; and

6 (b) All income from all sources earned by the veteran in the first year in which
7 he or she is a resident of this state. The first year shall commence on the
8 first day the veteran moves into this state and shall end three hundred sixty-
9 five (365) days thereafter.

10 (4) If the veteran does not maintain residency in this state for at least three (3)
11 consecutive years, any income excluded in the first year of residency shall
12 become taxable in the year in which he or she is no longer a resident of this state.

13 (5) The deduction shall be documented on the veteran's first-year tax return or
14 returns, if more than one (1) taxable year is affected, and in a manner specified
15 by the department.

16 (6) In order to evaluate the effectiveness of this tax deduction, the department shall
17 report the following information to the Legislative Research Commission on or
18 before December 1, 2023, and on or before each December 1 thereafter, as long
19 as this deduction may be claimed on a tax return:

20 (a) The location of the taxpayer, by county, as reflected on the return filed for
21 the taxable year;

22 (b) The amount of the deduction claimed by the taxpayer for the taxable year;

23 (c) The total amount of deductions claimed by all taxpayers for the taxable
24 year; and

25 (d) Based on ranges of adjusted gross income of no larger than five thousand
26 dollars (\$5,000) for the taxable year, the total amount of deductions claimed
27 and the number of returns claiming a tax deduction for each adjusted gross

1 *income range.*

2 ➔Section 3. KRS 131.190 is amended to read as follows:

3 (1) No present or former commissioner or employee of the department, present or
4 former member of a county board of assessment appeals, present or former property
5 valuation administrator or employee, present or former secretary or employee of the
6 Finance and Administration Cabinet, former secretary or employee of the Revenue
7 Cabinet, or any other person, shall intentionally and without authorization inspect or
8 divulge any information acquired by him or her of the affairs of any person, or
9 information regarding the tax schedules, returns, or reports required to be filed with
10 the department or other proper officer, or any information produced by a hearing or
11 investigation, insofar as the information may have to do with the affairs of the
12 person's business.

13 (2) The prohibition established by subsection (1) of this section shall not extend to:

14 (a) Information required in prosecutions for making false reports or returns of
15 property for taxation, or any other infraction of the tax laws;

16 (b) Any matter properly entered upon any assessment record, or in any way made
17 a matter of public record;

18 (c) Furnishing any taxpayer or his or her properly authorized agent with
19 information respecting his or her own return;

20 (d) Testimony provided by the commissioner or any employee of the department
21 in any court, or the introduction as evidence of returns or reports filed with the
22 department, in an action for violation of state or federal tax laws or in any
23 action challenging state or federal tax laws;

24 (e) Providing an owner of unmined coal, oil or gas reserves, and other mineral or
25 energy resources assessed under KRS 132.820, or owners of surface land
26 under which the unmined minerals lie, factual information about the owner's
27 property derived from third-party returns filed for that owner's property, under

1 the provisions of KRS 132.820, that is used to determine the owner's
2 assessment. This information shall be provided to the owner on a confidential
3 basis, and the owner shall be subject to the penalties provided in KRS
4 131.990(2). The third-party filer shall be given prior notice of any disclosure
5 of information to the owner that was provided by the third-party filer;

6 (f) Providing to a third-party purchaser pursuant to an order entered in a
7 foreclosure action filed in a court of competent jurisdiction, factual
8 information related to the owner or lessee of coal, oil, gas reserves, or any
9 other mineral resources assessed under KRS 132.820. The department may
10 promulgate an administrative regulation establishing a fee schedule for the
11 provision of the information described in this paragraph. Any fee imposed
12 shall not exceed the greater of the actual cost of providing the information or
13 ten dollars (\$10);

14 (g) Providing information to a licensing agency, the Transportation Cabinet, or
15 the Kentucky Supreme Court under KRS 131.1817;

16 (h) Statistics of gasoline and special fuels gallonage reported to the department
17 under KRS 138.210 to 138.448;

18 (i) Providing any utility gross receipts license tax return information that is
19 necessary to administer the provisions of KRS 160.613 to 160.617 to
20 applicable school districts on a confidential basis;

21 (j) Providing documents, data, or other information to a third party pursuant to an
22 order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction; or

23 (k) Providing information to the Legislative Research Commission under:

24 1. KRS 139.519 for purposes of the sales and use tax refund on building
25 materials used for disaster recovery;

26 2. KRS 141.436 for purposes of the energy efficiency products credits;

27 3. KRS 141.437 for purposes of the ENERGY STAR home and the

- 1 ENERGY STAR manufactured home credits;
- 2 4. KRS 141.383 for purposes of the film industry incentives;
- 3 5. KRS 154.26-095 for purposes of the Kentucky industrial revitalization
- 4 tax credits and the job assessment fees;
- 5 6. KRS 141.068 for purposes of the Kentucky investment fund;
- 6 7. KRS 141.396 for purposes of the angel investor tax credit;
- 7 8. KRS 141.389 for purposes of the distilled spirits credit;
- 8 9. KRS 141.408 for purposes of the inventory credit;
- 9 10. KRS 141.390 for purposes of the recycling and composting credit;
- 10 11. KRS 141.3841 for purposes of the selling farmer tax credit;
- 11 12. KRS 141.4231 for purposes of the renewable chemical production tax
- 12 credit;
- 13 13. KRS 141.524 for purposes of the Education Opportunity Account
- 14 Program tax credit;
- 15 14. KRS 141.398 for purposes of the development area tax credit;~~and~~
- 16 15. KRS 139.516 for the purposes of the sales and use tax exemption on the
- 17 commercial mining of cryptocurrency; *and*

18 **16. Section 2 of this Act for the purposes of the deduction of income for**
19 **veterans.**

20 (3) The commissioner shall make available any information for official use only and on
21 a confidential basis to the proper officer, agency, board or commission of this state,
22 any Kentucky county, any Kentucky city, any other state, or the federal government,
23 under reciprocal agreements whereby the department shall receive similar or useful
24 information in return.

25 (4) Access to and inspection of information received from the Internal Revenue Service
26 is for department use only, and is restricted to tax administration purposes.
27 Information received from the Internal Revenue Service shall not be made available

1 to any other agency of state government, or any county, city, or other state, and shall
2 not be inspected intentionally and without authorization by any present secretary or
3 employee of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, commissioner or employee of
4 the department, or any other person.

5 (5) Statistics of crude oil as reported to the department under the crude oil excise tax
6 requirements of KRS Chapter 137 and statistics of natural gas production as
7 reported to the department under the natural resources severance tax requirements
8 of KRS Chapter 143A may be made public by the department by release to the
9 Energy and Environment Cabinet, Department for Natural Resources.

10 (6) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, beginning with mine-map
11 submissions for the 1989 tax year, the department may make public or divulge only
12 those portions of mine maps submitted by taxpayers to the department pursuant to
13 KRS Chapter 132 for ad valorem tax purposes that depict the boundaries of mined-
14 out parcel areas. These electronic maps shall not be relied upon to determine actual
15 boundaries of mined-out parcel areas. Property boundaries contained in mine maps
16 required under KRS Chapters 350 and 352 shall not be construed to constitute land
17 surveying or boundary surveys as defined by KRS 322.010 and any administrative
18 regulations promulgated thereto.