

1 AN ACT relating to ownership fees for hybrid vehicles or hybrid motorcycles and  
2 declaring an emergency.

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

4 ➔Section 1. KRS 138.475 is amended to read as follows:

5 (1) As used in this section:

6 (a) "Electric motorcycle" means ~~a~~<sup>as</sup>~~[the same as]~~ "motorcycle" or "motor scooter"  
7 as ***those terms are*** defined in KRS 186.010, that is powered by a:

8 ~~1. —~~ } battery or equivalent energy storage device that can be charged with an  
9 electric plug using an external electricity source; ~~and~~<sup>or</sup>

10 ~~2. — Combination of an internal combustion engine and electric motor;~~

11 (b) "Electric vehicle" means any vehicle that has plug-in charging capability  
12 ~~and~~<sup>and</sup>,~~[regardless of whether the vehicle]~~ is powered ***solely*** by:

13 ~~1. —~~ } an electric motor~~[only; or~~

14 ~~2. — A combination of an internal combustion engine and electric power; and~~

15 ~~(c) "Hybrid vehicle" means any vehicle that does not have plug in charging~~  
16 ~~capability and is powered by a combination of an internal combustion engine~~  
17 ~~and an electric motor].~~

18 (2) At the time of initial registration, and each year upon annual vehicle registration  
19 renewal, the county clerk shall collect, as required under KRS 186.050, from the  
20 registrants of electric motorcycles ~~and~~<sup>and</sup>,~~[, and hybrid vehicles]~~ the  
21 electric vehicle ownership fees established under subsections (3) and (4) of this  
22 section.

23 (3) The electric vehicle ownership fees shall be:

24 (a) One hundred twenty dollars (\$120) for electric vehicles; and

25 (b) Sixty dollars (\$60) for electric motorcycles~~[or hybrid vehicles].~~

26 (4) The Department of Revenue shall adjust the fees established in subsection (3) of  
27 this section, on the same schedule and in the same manner as the adjustments to the

1 electric vehicle power taxes under KRS 138.477, except that:

2 (a) Adjustment to the fees shall be rounded to the nearest dollar; and

3 (b) Any adjustment of fees shall not result in a decrease below the base fees  
4 established in subsection (3) of this section.

5 (5) The electric vehicle ownership fees collected under this section shall be transferred  
6 to the road fund.

7 ➔Section 2. KRS 186.010 is amended to read as follows:

8 As used in this chapter, unless otherwise indicated:

9 (1) "Cabinet," as used in KRS 186.400 to 186.640, means the Transportation Cabinet;  
10 except as specifically designated, "cabinet," as used in KRS 186.020 to 186.270,  
11 means the Transportation Cabinet only with respect to motor vehicles, other than  
12 commercial vehicles; "cabinet," as used in KRS 186.020 to 186.270, means the  
13 Department of Vehicle Regulation when used with respect to commercial vehicles;

14 (2) "Highway" means every way or place of whatever nature when any part of it is  
15 open to the use of the public, as a matter of right, license, or privilege, for the  
16 purpose of vehicular traffic;

17 (3) "Manufacturer" means any person engaged in manufacturing motor vehicles who  
18 will, under normal conditions during the year, manufacture or assemble at least ten  
19 (10) new motor vehicles;

20 (4) "Motor vehicle" means in KRS 186.020 to 186.260, all vehicles, as defined in  
21 paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of this section, which are propelled otherwise than  
22 by muscular power. As used in KRS 186.400 to 186.640, it means all vehicles, as  
23 defined in paragraph (b) of subsection (8) of this section, which are self-propelled.  
24 "Motor vehicle" shall not include a moped as defined in this section, but for  
25 registration purposes shall include low-speed vehicles and military surplus vehicles  
26 as defined in this section and vehicles operating under KRS 189.283;

27 (5) "Moped" means either a motorized bicycle whose frame design may include one (1)

1 or more horizontal crossbars supporting a fuel tank so long as it also has pedals, or  
2 a motorized bicycle with a step-through type frame which may or may not have  
3 pedals rated no more than two (2) brake horsepower, a cylinder capacity not  
4 exceeding fifty (50) cubic centimeters, an automatic transmission not requiring  
5 clutching or shifting by the operator after the drive system is engaged, and capable  
6 of a maximum speed of not more than thirty (30) miles per hour;

7 (6) "Operator" means any person in actual control of a motor vehicle upon a highway;

8 (7) (a) "Owner" means a person who holds the legal title of a vehicle or a person who  
9 pursuant to a bona fide sale has received physical possession of the vehicle  
10 subject to any applicable security interest.

11 (b) A vehicle is the subject of an agreement for the conditional sale or lease, with  
12 the vendee or lessee entitled to possession of the vehicle, upon performance of  
13 the contract terms, for a period of three hundred sixty-five (365) days or more  
14 and with the right of purchase upon performance of the conditions stated in  
15 the agreement and with an immediate right of possession vested in the  
16 conditional vendee or lessee, or if a mortgagor of a vehicle is entitled to  
17 possession, the conditional vendee or lessee or mortgagor shall be deemed the  
18 owner.

19 (c) A licensed motor vehicle dealer who transfers physical possession of a motor  
20 vehicle to a purchaser pursuant to a bona fide sale, and complies with the  
21 requirements of KRS 186A.220, shall not be deemed the owner of that motor  
22 vehicle solely due to an assignment to his or her dealership or a certificate of  
23 title in the dealership's name. Rather, under these circumstances, ownership  
24 shall transfer upon delivery of the vehicle to the purchaser, subject to any  
25 applicable security interest;

26 (8) (a) "Vehicle," as used in KRS 186.020 to 186.260, includes all agencies for the  
27 transportation of persons or property over or upon the public highways of this

1 Commonwealth and all vehicles passing over or upon said highways, except  
2 electric low-speed scooters, road rollers, road graders, farm tractors, vehicles  
3 on which power shovels are mounted, such other construction equipment  
4 customarily used only on the site of construction and which is not practical for  
5 the transportation of persons or property upon the highways, such vehicles as  
6 travel exclusively upon rails, and such vehicles as are propelled by electric  
7 power obtained from overhead wires while being operated within any  
8 municipality or where said vehicles do not travel more than five (5) miles  
9 beyond the city limit of any municipality.

10 (b) As used in KRS 186.400 to 186.640, "vehicle" means every device in, upon,  
11 or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a  
12 public highway, except electric low-speed scooters, devices moved by human  
13 and animal power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks, or which  
14 derives its power from overhead wires;

15 (9) KRS 186.020 to 186.270 apply to motor vehicle licenses. KRS 186.400 to 186.640  
16 apply to operator's licenses;

17 (10) "Dealer" means any person engaging in the business of buying or selling motor  
18 vehicles;

19 (11) "Commercial vehicles" means all motor vehicles that are required to be registered  
20 under the terms of KRS 186.050, but not including vehicles primarily designed for  
21 carrying passengers and having provisions for not more than nine (9) passengers  
22 (including driver), motorcycles, sidecar attachments, pickup trucks and passenger  
23 vans which are not being used for commercial or business purposes, and motor  
24 vehicles registered under KRS 186.060;

25 (12) "Resident" means any person who has established Kentucky as his or her state of  
26 domicile. Proof of residency shall include but not be limited to a deed or property  
27 tax bill, utility agreement or utility bill, or rental housing agreement. The possession

1 by an operator of a vehicle of a valid Kentucky operator's license shall be prima-  
2 facie evidence that the operator is a resident of Kentucky;

3 (13) "Special status individual" means:

4 (a) "Asylee" means any person lawfully present in the United States who  
5 possesses an I-94 card issued by the United States Department of Justice,  
6 Immigration and Naturalization Service, on which it states "asylum status  
7 granted indefinitely pursuant to Section 208 of the Immigration & Nationality  
8 Act";

9 (b) "K-1 status" means the status of any person lawfully present in the United  
10 States who has been granted permission by the United States Department of  
11 Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service to enter the United States for  
12 the purpose of marrying a United States citizen within ninety (90) days from  
13 the date of that entry;

14 (c) "Refugee" means any person lawfully present in the United States who  
15 possesses an I-94 card issued by the United States Department of Justice,  
16 Immigration and Naturalization Service, on which it states "admitted as a  
17 refugee pursuant to Section 207 of the Immigration & Nationality Act"; and

18 (d) "Paroled in the Public Interest" means any person lawfully present in the  
19 United States who possesses an I-94 card issued by the United States  
20 Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service, on which it  
21 states "paroled pursuant to Section 212 of the Immigration & Nationality Act  
22 for an indefinite period of time";

23 (14) "Instruction permit" includes both motor vehicle instruction permits and motorcycle  
24 instruction permits;

25 (15) "Motorcycle" means any motor driven vehicle that has a maximum speed that  
26 exceeds fifty (50) miles per hour, has a seat or saddle for the use of the operator,  
27 and is designed to travel on not more than three (3) wheels in contact with the

1 ground, including vehicles on which the operator and passengers ride in an enclosed  
2 cab. Only for purposes of registration, "motorcycle" shall include a motor scooter,  
3 an alternative-speed motorcycle, and an autocycle as defined in this section, but  
4 shall not include a tractor or a moped as defined in this section;

5 (16) "Low-speed vehicle" means a motor vehicle that:

- 6 (a) Is self-propelled using an electric motor, combustion-driven motor, or a  
7 combination thereof;
- 8 (b) Is four (4) wheeled; and
- 9 (c) Is designed to operate at a speed not to exceed twenty-five (25) miles per hour  
10 as certified by the manufacturer;

11 (17) "Alternative-speed motorcycle" means a motorcycle that:

- 12 (a) Is self-propelled using an electric motor;
- 13 (b) Is three (3) wheeled;
- 14 (c) Has a fully enclosed cab and includes at least one (1) door for entry;
- 15 (d) Is designed to operate at a speed not to exceed forty (40) miles per hour as  
16 certified by the manufacturer; and
- 17 (e) Is not an autocycle as defined in this section;

18 (18) "Multiple-vehicle driving range" means an enclosed area that is not part of a  
19 highway or otherwise open to the public on which a number of motor vehicles may  
20 be used simultaneously to provide driver training under the supervision of one (1)  
21 or more driver training instructors;

22 (19) "Autocycle" means any motor vehicle that:

- 23 (a) Is equipped with a seat that does not require the operator to straddle or sit  
24 astride it;
- 25 (b) Is designed to travel on three (3) wheels in contact with the ground;
- 26 (c) Is designed to operate at a speed that exceeds forty (40) miles per hour as  
27 certified by the manufacturer;

- 1 (d) Allows the operator and passenger to ride either side-by-side or in tandem in a  
2 seating area that may be enclosed with a removable or fixed top;
- 3 (e) Is equipped with a three (3) point safety belt system;
- 4 (f) May be equipped with a manufacturer-installed air bags or a roll cage;
- 5 (g) Is designed to be controlled with a steering wheel and pedals; and
- 6 (h) Is not an alternative-speed motorcycle as defined in this section;
- 7 (20) "Military surplus vehicle" means a multipurpose wheeled surplus military vehicle  
8 that:
- 9 (a) Is not operated using continuous tracks;
- 10 (b) Was originally manufactured for and sold directly to the Armed Forces of the  
11 United States; and
- 12 (c) Was originally manufactured under the federally mandated requirements set  
13 forth in 49 C.F.R. sec. 571.7;
- 14 (21) "Livestock" means cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses, alpacas, llamas, buffaloes,  
15 and any other animals of the bovine, ovine, porcine, caprine, equine, or camelid  
16 species;
- 17 (22) "Identity document" means an instruction permit, operator's license, or personal  
18 identification card issued under KRS 186.4102, 186.412, 186.4121, 186.4122, and  
19 186.4123 or a commercial driver's license issued under KRS Chapter 281A;
- 20 (23) "Travel ID," as it refers to an identity document, means a document that complies  
21 with Pub. L. No. 109-13, Title II;
- 22 (24) "Motor scooter" means a low-speed motorcycle that is:
- 23 (a) Equipped with wheels greater than sixteen (16) inches in diameter;
- 24 (b) Equipped with an engine greater than fifty (50) cubic centimeters;
- 25 (c) Designed to operate at a speed not to exceed fifty (50) miles per hour;
- 26 (d) Equipped with brake horsepower of two (2) or greater; and
- 27 (e) Equipped with a step-through frame or a platform for the operator's feet;

- 1 (25) "Alternative technology," as used in KRS 186.400 to 186.640, means methods used  
2 by the cabinet to facilitate the issuance of operator's licenses and personal  
3 identification cards outside of the normal in-person application at a cabinet office,  
4 including but not limited to a cabinet mobile unit or online services;
- 5 (26) "Electric motorcycle" means the same as "motorcycle" or "motor scooter" as  
6 defined in this section, that is powered by a:
- 7 (a) Battery or equivalent energy storage device that can be charged with an  
8 electric plug using an external electricity source; or
- 9 (b) Combination of an internal combustion engine and electric motor; **and**
- 10 (27) "Electric vehicle" means any vehicle that has plug-in charging capability, regardless  
11 of whether the vehicle is powered by:
- 12 (a) An electric motor only; or
- 13 (b) A combination of an internal combustion engine and electric power; ~~and~~
- 14 ~~(28) "Hybrid vehicle" means any vehicle that does not have plug-in charging capability~~  
15 ~~and is powered by a combination of an internal combustion engine and an electric~~  
16 ~~motor.~~
- 17 ➔Section 3. KRS 186.050 is amended to read as follows:
- 18 (1) The annual registration fee shall be eleven dollars fifty cents (\$11.50) for:
- 19 (a) Motor vehicles, including pickup trucks and passenger vans; and
- 20 (b) Motor carrier vehicles, as defined in KRS 281.010, primarily designed for  
21 carrying passengers or passengers for hire and having been designed or  
22 constructed to transport not more than fifteen (15) passengers, including the  
23 operator.
- 24 (2) Except as provided in KRS 186.041 and 186.162, the annual registration fee for  
25 each motorcycle shall be nine dollars (\$9).
- 26 (3) (a) All motor vehicles having a declared gross weight of vehicle and any towed  
27 unit of ten thousand (10,000) pounds or less, except those mentioned in



1 subsections (1) and (2) of this section, are classified as commercial vehicles  
2 and the annual registration fee, except as provided in subsections (4) to (14) of  
3 this section, shall be eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50).

4 (b) All motor vehicles, except those mentioned in subsections (1) and (2) of this  
5 section, and those engaged in hauling passengers for hire which are designed  
6 or constructed to transport more than fifteen (15) passengers including the  
7 operator, whose registration fee shall be one hundred dollars (\$100), are  
8 classified as commercial vehicles and the annual registration fee, except as  
9 provided in subsections (3)(a) and (4) to (14) of this section, shall be as  
10 follows:

11	Declared Gross Weight of Vehicle	Registration
12	and Any Towed Unit	Fee
13	10,001-14,000	30.00
14	14,001-18,000	50.00
15	18,001-22,000	132.00
16	22,001-26,000	160.00
17	26,001-32,000	216.00
18	32,001-38,000	300.00
19	38,001-44,000	474.00
20	44,001-55,000	669.00
21	55,001-62,000	1,007.00
22	62,001-73,280	1,250.00
23	73,281-80,000	1,410.00

24 (4) (a) 1. Any farmer owning a truck having a gross weight of twenty-six  
25 thousand (26,000) pounds or less may have it registered as a farmer's  
26 truck and obtain a license for eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50). The  
27 applicant's signature upon the certificate of registration and ownership

1 shall constitute a certificate that the applicant~~[he]~~ is a farmer engaged in  
2 the production of crops, livestock, or dairy products, that the  
3 applicant~~[he]~~ owns a truck of the gross weight of twenty-six thousand  
4 (26,000) pounds or less, and that during the next twelve (12) months the  
5 truck shall not be used in for-hire transportation and may be used in  
6 transporting persons, food, provender, feed, machinery, livestock,  
7 material, and supplies necessary for the applicant's~~[his]~~ farming  
8 operation, and the products grown on the applicant's~~[his]~~ farm.

9 2. Any farmer owning a truck having a gross weight of twenty-six  
10 thousand one (26,001) pounds to thirty-eight thousand (38,000) pounds  
11 may have it registered as a farmer's truck and obtain a license for eleven  
12 dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50). The applicant's signature upon the  
13 certificate of registration and ownership shall constitute a certificate that  
14 the applicant~~[he]~~ is a farmer engaged in the production of crops,  
15 livestock, or dairy products, that the applicant~~[he]~~ owns a truck of the  
16 gross weight between twenty-six thousand one (26,001) pounds and  
17 thirty-eight thousand (38,000) pounds, and that during the next twelve  
18 (12) months the truck shall not be used in for-hire transportation and  
19 may be used in transporting persons, food, provender, feed, machinery,  
20 livestock, material, and supplies necessary for the applicant's~~[his]~~  
21 farming operation and the products grown on the applicant's~~[his]~~ farm.

22 (b) Any farmer owning a truck having a declared gross weight in excess of thirty-  
23 eight thousand (38,000) pounds shall not be required to pay the fee set out in  
24 subsection (3) of this section and, in lieu thereof, shall pay forty percent  
25 (40%) of the fee set out in subsection (3) of this section and shall be exempt  
26 from any fee charged under the provisions of KRS 281.752. The applicant's  
27 signature upon the registration receipt shall be considered to be a certification

1           that the applicant~~he~~ is a farmer engaged solely in the production of crops,  
2           livestock, or dairy products, and that during the current registration year the  
3           truck will be used only in transporting persons, food, provender, feed, and  
4           machinery used in operating the applicant's~~his~~ farm and the products grown  
5           on the applicant's~~his~~ farm.

6           (c) An initial applicant for, or an applicant renewing, his or her registration  
7           pursuant to this subsection, may at the time of application make a voluntary  
8           contribution to be deposited into the agricultural program trust fund  
9           established in KRS 246.247. The recommended voluntary contribution shall  
10          be set at ten dollars (\$10) and automatically added to the cost of registration  
11          or renewal unless the individual registering or renewing the vehicle opts out  
12          of contributing the recommended amount. The county clerk shall collect and  
13          forward the voluntary contribution to the cabinet for distribution to the  
14          Department of Agriculture.

15          (5) Any person owning a truck or bus used solely in transporting school children and  
16          school employees may have the truck or bus registered as a school bus and obtain a  
17          license for eleven dollars fifty cents (\$11.50) by filing with the county clerk, in  
18          addition to other information required, an affidavit stating that the truck or bus is  
19          used solely in the transportation of school children and persons employed in the  
20          schools of the district, that he or she has caused to be printed on each side of the  
21          truck or bus and on the rear door the words "School Bus" in letters at least six (6)  
22          inches high, and of a conspicuous color, and the truck or bus will be used during the  
23          next twelve (12) months only for the purpose stated.

24          (6) Any church or religious organization owning a truck or bus used solely in  
25          transporting persons to and from a place of worship or for other religious work may  
26          have the truck or bus registered as a church bus and obtain a license for eleven  
27          dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50) by filing with the county clerk, in addition to other

1 information required, an affidavit stating that the truck or bus will be used only for  
2 the transporting of persons to and from a place of worship, or for other religious  
3 work, and that there has been printed on the truck or bus in large letters the words  
4 "Church Bus," with the name of the church or religious organization owning and  
5 using the truck or bus, and that during the next twelve (12) months the truck or bus  
6 will be used only for the purpose stated.

7 (7) Any person owning a motor vehicle with a gross weight of fourteen thousand  
8 (14,000) pounds or less on which a wrecker crane or other equipment suitable for  
9 wrecker service has been permanently mounted may register the vehicle and obtain  
10 a license for eleven dollars fifty cents (\$11.50) by filing with the county clerk, in  
11 addition to other information required, an affidavit that a wrecker crane or other  
12 equipment suitable for wrecker service has been permanently mounted on ~~the~~<sup>[such]</sup>  
13 vehicle and that during the next twelve (12) months the vehicle will be used only in  
14 wrecker service. If the gross weight of the vehicle exceeds fourteen thousand  
15 (14,000) pounds, the vehicle shall be registered in accordance with subsection (3) of  
16 this section. The gross weight of a vehicle used in wrecker service shall not include  
17 the weight of the vehicle being towed by the wrecker.

18 (8) Motor vehicles having a declared gross weight in excess of eighteen thousand  
19 (18,000) pounds, which when operated in this state are used exclusively for the  
20 transportation of property within the limits of the city named in the affidavit  
21 hereinafter required to be filed, or within ten (10) miles of the city limits of the city  
22 if it is a city with a population equal to or greater than three thousand (3,000) based  
23 upon the most recent federal decennial census, or within five (5) miles of its limits  
24 if it is a city with a population of less than three thousand (3,000) based upon the  
25 most recent federal decennial census, or anywhere within a county containing an  
26 urban-county government, shall not be required to pay the fee as set out in  
27 subsection (3) of this section, and in lieu thereof shall pay seventy-five percent

1 (75%) of the fee set forth in subsection (3) of this section and shall be exempt from  
2 any fee charged under the provisions of KRS 281.752. Nothing in this section shall  
3 be construed to limit any right of nonresidents to exemption from registration under  
4 any other provisions of the laws granting reciprocity to nonresidents. Operations  
5 outside of this state shall not be considered in determining whether or not the  
6 foregoing mileage limitations have been observed. When claiming the right to the  
7 reduced fee, the applicant's signature on the certificate of registration and  
8 ownership shall constitute a certification or affidavit stating that the motor vehicle  
9 when used within this state is used only for the transportation of property within the  
10 city to be named in the affidavit and the area above set out and that the vehicle will  
11 not be used outside of a city and the area above set out during the current  
12 registration period.

13 (9) Motor vehicles having a declared gross weight in excess of eighteen thousand  
14 (18,000) pounds, which are used exclusively for the transportation of primary forest  
15 products from the harvest area to a mill or other processing facility, where ~~the~~[such]  
16 mill or processing facility is located at a point not more than fifty (50) air miles  
17 from the harvest area or which are used exclusively for the transportation of  
18 concrete blocks or ready-mixed concrete from the point at which ~~the~~[such] concrete  
19 blocks or ready-mixed concrete is produced to a construction site where ~~the~~[such]  
20 concrete blocks or ready-mixed concrete is to be used, where ~~the~~[such] construction  
21 site is located at a point not more than thirty (30) air miles from the point at which  
22 ~~the~~[such] concrete blocks or ready-mixed concrete is produced shall not be required  
23 to pay the fee as set out in subsection (3) of this section, and in lieu thereof, shall  
24 pay seventy-five percent (75%) of the fee set out in subsection (3) of this section  
25 and shall be exempt from any fee charged under the provisions of KRS 281.752.  
26 The applicant's signature upon the certificate of registration and ownership shall  
27 constitute a certification that the motor vehicle will not be used during the current

1 registration period in any manner other than that for which the reduced fee is  
2 provided in this section.

3 (10) Any owner of a commercial vehicle registered for a declared gross weight in excess  
4 of eighteen thousand (18,000) pounds, intending to transfer same and desiring to  
5 take advantage of the refund provisions of KRS 186.056(2), may reregister  
6 ~~the[such]~~ vehicle and obtain a "For Sale" certificate of registration and ownership  
7 for one dollar (\$1). Title to a vehicle so registered may be transferred, but ~~the[such]~~  
8 registration shall not authorize the operation or use of the vehicle on any public  
9 highway. No refund may be made under the provisions of KRS 186.056(2) until  
10 ~~such time as~~ the title to ~~the[such]~~ vehicle has been transferred to the purchaser  
11 thereof. Provided, however, that nothing herein shall be so construed as to prevent  
12 the seller of a commercial vehicle from transferring the registration of ~~the[such]~~  
13 vehicle to any purchaser thereof.

14 (11) The annual registration fee for self-propelled vehicles containing sleeping or eating  
15 facilities shall be twenty dollars (\$20) and the multiyear license plate issued shall be  
16 designated "Recreational vehicle." The foregoing shall not include any motor  
17 vehicle primarily designed for commercial or farm use having temporarily attached  
18 thereto any sleeping or eating facilities, or any commercial vehicle having sleeping  
19 facilities.

20 (12) The registration fee on any vehicle registered under this section shall be increased  
21 fifty percent (50%) when the vehicle is not equipped wholly with pneumatic tires.

22 (13) (a) The Department of Vehicle Regulation is authorized to negotiate and execute  
23 an agreement or agreements for the purpose of developing and instituting  
24 proportional registration of motor vehicles engaged in interstate commerce, or  
25 in a combination of interstate and intrastate commerce, and operating into,  
26 through, or within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The agreement or  
27 agreements may be made on a basis commensurate with, and determined by,

1 the miles traveled on, and use made of, the highways of this Commonwealth  
2 as compared with the miles traveled on and use made of highways of other  
3 states, or upon any other equitable basis of proportional registration.  
4 Notwithstanding the provisions of KRS 186.020, the cabinet shall promulgate  
5 administrative regulations concerning the registration of motor vehicles under  
6 any agreement or agreements made under this section and shall provide for  
7 direct issuance by it of evidence of payment of any registration fee required  
8 under ~~the~~<sub>[such]</sub> agreement or agreements. Any proportional registration fee  
9 required to be collected under any proportional registration agreement or  
10 agreements shall be in accordance with the taxes established in this section.

11 (b) Any owner of a commercial vehicle who is required to title his *or her* motor  
12 vehicle under this section shall first title ~~the~~<sub>[such]</sub> vehicle with the county  
13 clerk pursuant to KRS 186.020 for a state fee of one dollar (\$1). Title to  
14 ~~the~~<sub>[such]</sub> vehicle may be transferred; however title without proper registration  
15 shall not authorize the operation or use of the vehicle on any public highway.  
16 Any commercial vehicle properly titled in Kentucky may also be registered in  
17 Kentucky, and, upon payment of the required fees, the department may issue  
18 an apportioned registration plate to ~~the~~<sub>[such]</sub> commercial vehicle.

19 (c) Any commercial vehicle that is properly titled in a foreign jurisdiction, which  
20 vehicle is subject to apportioned registration, as provided in paragraph (a) of  
21 this subsection, may be registered in Kentucky, and, upon proof of proper title  
22 and payment of the required fees, the department may issue an apportioned  
23 registration plate to the commercial vehicle. The department shall promulgate  
24 administrative regulations in accordance with this section.

25 (14) Any person seeking to obtain a special license plate for an automobile that has been  
26 provided to ~~the applicant~~<sub>[him]</sub> pursuant to an occupation shall meet both of the  
27 following requirements:

1 (a) The automobile shall be provided for the full-time exclusive use of the  
2 applicant; and

3 (b) The applicant shall obtain permission in writing from the vehicle owner or  
4 lessee on a form provided by the cabinet to use the vehicle and for the vehicle  
5 to bear the special license plate.

6 (15) An applicant for any motor vehicle registration issued pursuant to this section shall  
7 have the opportunity to make a donation of two dollars (\$2) to promote a hunger  
8 relief program through specific wildlife management and conservation efforts by  
9 the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources in accordance with KRS 150.015. If  
10 an applicant elects to make a contribution under this subsection, the two dollar (\$2)  
11 donation shall be added to the regular fee for any motor vehicle registration issued  
12 pursuant to this section. One (1) donation may be made per issuance of each  
13 registration. The fee shall be paid to the county clerk and shall be transmitted by the  
14 State Treasurer to the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources to be used  
15 exclusively for the purpose of wildlife management and conservation activities in  
16 support of hunger relief. The county clerk may retain up to five percent (5%) of the  
17 fees collected under this subsection for administrative costs associated with the  
18 collection of this donation. Any donation requested under this subsection shall be  
19 voluntary and may be refused by the applicant at the time of issuance or renewal of  
20 a license plate.

21 (16) In addition to the fees outlined in this section, the county clerk shall collect from the  
22 registrants of electric vehicles and electric motorcycles ~~and hybrid vehicles~~ the  
23 electric vehicle ownership fees imposed in KRS 138.475.

24 ➔Section 4. Section 1 of this Act applies retroactively to registrations of vehicles  
25 completed on or after January 1, 2024. A person who paid the ownership fee on a hybrid  
26 vehicle or hybrid motorcycle on or after January 1, 2024, may return to the county clerk  
27 for a refund of the ownership fee paid.



1           ➔Section 5. Whereas Kentuckians are currently paying the ownership fee on  
2 electric motorcycles, electric vehicles, and hybrid vehicles, an emergency is declared to  
3 exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its  
4 otherwise becoming a law.