



January 18, 2021

Week 3 begins

The first two weeks of the Legislative Session were anything but dull. Bills aimed at limiting the Governor's emergency powers and legislation related to the budget have all seen movement so far. KYR supported legislation has already begun to move through the legislative process as well. Senate Bill 11 could be on the Governor's desk in early February. That measure clarifies the criminal mischief statute's application to tenants, providing landlords a better way to obtain redress when a tenant intentionally damages or destroys rental property.

Be on the lookout for registration and a full schedule of meetings for the upcoming virtual 2021 KYR Legislative Meetings and Policy Summit that will occur February 9 – 11. We have some great panel discussions planned that you will not want to miss. "REALTORS® in the Legislature" and "Leaders of the Legislature" are just two of the panels we have scheduled. We will cap off the week with a fun and energetic political discussion between Matt Jones (KSR) and Scott Jennings (RunSwitch PR).

The KYR Quick Response Team (QRT) continues to meet and discuss legislation that concerns the real estate industry. So far, the QRT has voted to support six bills. The newest supported bill is SB 10 (Givens, D) – Creation of the Commission on Race and Access of Opportunity.

You can see all six supported bills below in the bill tracker.

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Please be sure to look for KYR's Legislative Update sent weekly during this legislative session for the latest updates and information in Frankfort and how it affects your business.

KYR and the Quick Response Team will keep you up to date on issues during the 2020 Legislative Session. Please contact Richard Wilson, KYR Government Affairs Director, at rwilson@kyrealtors.com if you have questions or comments regarding KYR's legislative activity.

KYR Legislative Tracker

As of 1/15/2021

Green = Supported

Red = Opposed

HB135 PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS *(BRIDGES, RANDY)*

AN ACT relating to property assessments.

Amend KRS 132.010 to define highest and best use; amend KRS 132.191 to require property to be valued at the highest and best use; amend KRS 133.120 to change the qualifications of taxpayer representatives who receive compensation for appealing property assessments.



CURRENT STATUS

1/5/2021 - Introduced (Pre-Filed)

KYR Position: SUPPORT

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HB151 RECORDED INSTRUMENTS *(FISCHER, JOSEPH M.)*

AN ACT relating to recorded instruments.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 67 to define "recorded instrument" and "portal"; require county clerks to be open for reviewing and obtaining copies of recorded instruments for 40 hours a week unless they maintain a portal that allows the public to search for electronic copies of recorded instruments; establish deadlines for county clerks to maintain portals for the filing and searching of recorded instruments.



CURRENT STATUS

1/5/2021 – Introduced

KYR Position: SUPPORT

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HB172 KENTUCKY REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS BOARD *(FRAZIER, DEANNA)*

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Real Estate Appraisers Board.

Amend KRS 324A.015 to require the board to employ state-certified general appraisers with at least five years of experience to conduct grievance investigations; amend KRS 324A.035 to make technical corrections; amend KRS 324A.047 and 324A.050 to clarify standards; amend KRS 324A.052 to require complaints to be filed within five years after the date of transmittal of the appraisal report or review assignment or at least two years after the final disposition of any judicial proceeding that the appraiser provided testimony related to the assignment; amend KRS 324A.065 to require the initial application fee to not exceed \$200 for federally related transactions; require the annual certificate and licensure fees to not exceed \$200 for federally related transactions; establish a returned check fee of \$50 for federally related transactions; eliminate the initial application fee, examination fee, duplicate certificate fee, and roster fee for nonfederally related transactions; require the board to promulgate administrative regulations to establish and collect a prelicensure fee not to exceed \$100 and a continuing education course review fee not to exceed \$50; amend KRS 324A.150 to include a network, list, or roster of licensed or certified appraisers to the definition of

"appraiser panel"; amend KRS 324A.152 to require an appraisal management company to certify that it is not partly or fully owned by an appraiser whose license has been disciplined; amend KRS 324A.154 to require the board to promulgate administrative regulations with the approval of the executive director of the Kentucky Real Estate Authority; amend KRS 324A.164 to exclude a federally defined "federally regulated appraisal management company" from the appraisal management company statutes.



CURRENT STATUS

1/5/2021 – Introduced

KYR Position: SUPPORT

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HB207 UTILITY SERVICE *(GOOCH JR., JIM)*

AN ACT relating to utility service.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 65 to prohibit a local government entity from taking any legislative or executive action that has the purpose or effect of impairing a consumer's ability to use a utility service that is described in KRS 278.010(3)(a), (b), or (c) and that is provided by a utility regulated by the Public Service Commission under KRS Chapter 278 or is otherwise incorporated under KRS Chapter 279.



CURRENT STATUS

1/7/2021 – Introduced

KYR Position: SUPPORT

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SB10 CREATION OF THE COMMISSION ON RACE AND ACCESS OF OPPORTUNITY *(GIVENS, DAVID P.)*

AN ACT relating to the creation of a Commission on Race and Access to Opportunity.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 7 to establish a Commission on Race and Access to Opportunity; define "commission"; set forth the membership of the commission; authorize the authority to hold monthly meetings, seek comment and testimony, and provide research driven policy proposals; and require the commission to publish an annual report.



CURRENT STATUS

1/13/2021 – Introduced

KYR Position: SUPPORT

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SB11 CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO RENTAL PROPERTY *(SCHICKEL, JOHN)*

AN ACT relating to criminal damage to rental property.

Amend KRS 512.010 to define "lease or rental agreement", "residential rental property", and "tenant"; amend KRS 512.020, 512.030, and 512.040 to specifically include damage to residential rental property in the crime of criminal mischief.



CURRENT STATUS

1/5/2021 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Licensing, Occupations, & Administrative Regulations (S)

KYR Position: SUPPORT

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