

## **KYR Legislative Update – 4.20.2026**

The 2026 Kentucky General Assembly concluded as a highly successful legislative session for Kentucky REALTORS®, marked by strong victories on REALTOR-supported legislation and the successful opposition of proposals that would have negatively impacted the real estate industry and private property rights.

Through focused advocacy, effective grassroots engagement, and strong relationships with legislators, Kentucky REALTORS® achieved favorable outcomes on all three of our Hill Day priorities, demonstrating once again the strength and credibility of our organization's advocacy in Frankfort.

### **Hill Day Priorities – Signed Into Law**

1. HB 521 – Strengthening Stalking Laws, sponsored by Rep. Steven Rudy – SUPPORTED
  - HB 521 strengthens Kentucky's stalking statutes, enhancing protections for victims and improving enforcement tools. Kentucky REALTORS® supported this legislation as part of our ongoing commitment to safety and accountability for our profession and all citizens of the commonwealth.
2. HB 264 – Deed Fraud, sponsored by Rep. Marianne Proctor – SUPPORTED
  - HB 264 addressed deed fraud, a critical issue affecting property owners and the integrity of real estate transactions. Kentucky REALTORS® strongly supported this measure to protect consumers and prevent fraudulent transfers of property.
3. HB 411 – Increase Real Estate Transaction Fees / Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF), sponsored by Rep. Steve Bratcher – OPPOSED
  - Kentucky REALTORS® opposed HB 411 due to concerns about increased transaction fees and their impact on housing affordability. This legislation did not move forward, representing an important win for REALTORS® and Kentucky consumers.

### **Additional Legislative Activity**

The Senate's omnibus housing proposal, SB 9, did not pass during the 2026 session due to concerns related to its short-term rental provisions. However, legislative leadership has indicated that housing policy remains a priority, and the General Assembly is expected to revisit this issue during next year's session.

Importantly, every bill opposed by Kentucky REALTORS® failed to advance during the 2026 General Session, underscoring the effectiveness of our advocacy efforts and the trust lawmakers place in our policy positions.

### **Looking Ahead**

This session's results reflect a strong, unified real estate voice and reinforce the value of sustained political engagement. Kentucky REALTORS® will continue working with legislators on housing and real estate issues and will remain actively involved as discussions resume in future sessions.

Thank you to our members, local associations, RPAC investors, and leaders whose dedication and involvement made this successful legislative session possible.