



ACTION REQUEST

March 7, 2013

LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 7 – 2013 KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Today marks the twenty-sixth legislative day of this thirty day session. With only four legislative days remaining in this regular session there are still many unresolved issues. The General Assembly is currently scheduled to meet tomorrow and next Monday before adjourning for the ten day veto period. However, they could pull one of the veto days forward and meet next Tuesday. Currently, the final two days of the 2013 regular session are scheduled for March 25 & 26.

Yesterday the House passed [HB 2](#) their redistricting plan on a vote of 53-46. It is unclear whether or not the Senate will take-up the redistricting issue this session.

Yesterday the Senate passed their version of [HB 1](#), the special taxing district oversight bill on a vote of 23-10. Their version includes a provision that requires any tax rate or fee increase to be submitted to the governing body or bodies of cities and counties. The bill now heads back to the House and the differences between the two versions of [HB 1](#) will have to be worked out in a conference committee.

The House and Senate remain far apart on [SB 2](#), the pension reform bill and any potential revenue measures to help fund the pension shortfall.

Below are a few specific bills we are following:

[HB 60: F. Steele, S. Santoro – AN ACT relating to hunting coyotes.](#)

This bill will allow coyotes to be taken at night with or without use of light as provided in administrative regulation promulgated by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. This bill has passed the House and Senate and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

Farm Bureau Policy:

"We recommend that the state establish procedures for controlling wildlife pests such as beaver, deer, turkey, coyote, raccoon, etc., which are proving to be destructive in certain areas of the state."

[HB 378: F. Steele, S. Rudy, R. Quarles – AN ACT relating to impaired waters.](#)

This bill would create a new section of Subchapter 70 of KRS Chapter 224 to define terms and require the Energy and Environment cabinet to maintain a listing of impaired waters placed on the 303(d) list and to make that list available on the cabinet's website and require the cabinet include other methodological information associated with determining whether to place the water body on the list and with developing any total maximum daily load. It would also require the cabinet to provide notice to certain interested parties of a water body's listing on the 303(d) for effluent or thermal-based impairment and require the cabinet to prepare a report each

year to the Interim Joint Committee on Natural Resources and Environment by December 31 on TMDL development for the following year and create delayed effective date for the website listing of impaired waters and total maximum daily loads. The Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee did a technical amendment and now the bill is on the Senate consent calendar. Once passed by the full Senate it will have to go back to the House to be concurred with.

Farm Bureau Priority Issue:

“Request state government to include agricultural representation in the process of developing water quality regulations to include, but not limited to TMDL’s.”

“State water resource policy and regulations should be based on adequate scientific research data.”

HB 273: B. Rowland, C. Embry Jr., J. Carney, M. Dossett, R. Heath, M. Meredith, S. Rudy, S. Santoro, W. Stone – AN ACT relating to the operation of mini-trucks.

This bill would establish exemptions allowing the operation of a mini-truck on a public highway or roadway or the right-of-way of any public highway or roadway. This bill passed the House and is now on the Senate consent calendar.

YOUR LOBBYISTS

Those who are registered to lobby for Kentucky Farm Bureau for the 2013 session are: Jeff Harper, extension 5104; Bryan Alvey, extension 7218; Tony Sholar, extension 5121; Beth Wisman, extension 5105; and David S. Beck, extension 5101. If you would like to call your lobbyists during the evening, call 502.352.4280 at the Frankfort headquarters or call 502.495.5000 and key in their extensions. If you would like to contact one of your lobbyists during the day, please call Sara Stivers at 502.495.5121 and she will put you in touch with one of them.

CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS

You can reach your senator and representative by calling 502.564.8100 or 800.372.7181 to leave a message, or send a fax to 502.564.6543. The legislative calendar information line is 800.633.9650, and the bill status line is 866.840.2835. Governor Beshear’s office number is 502.564.2611.

Note: The Legislative Report and KFB’s Priority Issues are also included on KFB’s website at kyfb.com

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