



February 16, 2018

## **Legislative Report No. 8**

### ***2018 Kentucky General Assembly***

Today marked the thirty-second legislative day of the 2018 session of the Kentucky General Assembly. With this session now past the half-way point the pace of things will begin to pick up. Today was the last day for new bill requests and the filing deadline for new bills is February 27, in the House and March 6, in the Senate. The General Assembly will not meet on Monday, February 19, in observance of President's Day.

Next week's legislative report will provide a status update of several bills we are monitoring.

#### **HB 366: S. Rudy - AN ACT relating to revenue measures, making an appropriation, and declaring an emergency.**

This bill would extend the new tire fee to July 1, 2020 and provides that the amount of principal which a qualified applicant may owe the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation at any one time shall not exceed \$5 million. This is the revenue bill that is filed every two years when we are in a budget session. This bill was assigned to the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee.

#### **KFB Policy:**

***"We support the implementation and funding of a Tire Amnesty Program every two years and efforts to protect and ensure the integrity of the program."***

#### **REMINDER:**

This year we will again combine our **Legislative Drive-In Day** with our annual **Food Check-Out Day** activities on **March 7, 2018**. This will allow those of you visiting with your legislator(s) the opportunity to present them with a basket of Kentucky grown agricultural products to celebrate the safest most affordable food in the world.

**The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, located at 200 Mero Street,**

## **Frankfort, Kentucky.**

We encourage you to contact your senator and representative in advance to let them know you will be in Frankfort that day and to set up a meeting with them to discuss issues affecting agriculture and to present them with a Food Check-Out Day basket.

### **Special Elections:**

The candidates for the two special elections to fill the vacancies in state house district's 49 and 89 have been named.

The candidates for House District 49 which includes Bullitt County are:

- Democrat Linda Belcher and Republican Rebecca Johnson

The candidates for House District 89 which includes Jackson, parts of Laurel, and Madison Counties are:

- Republican Robert Goforth and Democrat Kelly Smith

The special election for the **49<sup>th</sup> District** will be held **February 20**, and the special election for the **89<sup>th</sup> District** will be held on **February 27**.

### **HOW TO CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS**

During the week, you may reach your representative and senator in Frankfort by calling 502.564.8100.

If you do not desire to talk to your state legislator immediately or you just want to leave a message, you may dial toll-free 800.372.7181. An answering service will take your message for your representative or senator. The legislative calendar information line is 800.633.9650, the bill status line is 866.840.2835, and the Governor's office number is 502.564.2611.

If you desire to e-mail your representative or senator, [click here](#) for a list of e-mail addresses for members of the Kentucky General Assembly. Find your legislator and click on his or her name to access their e-mail address.

[Click here](#) to view the **2018 Standing Committee Schedule**.

[Click here](#) for a complete list of leadership and standing committees.

[Click here](#) to view the updated **2018 Regular Session Calendar**.

**YOUR LOBBYISTS**

The following are registered to lobby for Kentucky Farm Bureau for the 2018 session: Jeff Harper, Public Affairs Director, extension 5104; Tony Sholar, extension 5121, 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.

**FUTURE DATES OF INTEREST**

February 16.....Last Day for Bill Request  
February 19..... President's Day Holiday  
February 27..... Last Day for New House Bills  
March 1.....Last Day for New Senate Bills  
March 7.....KFB Legislative Drive-In/Food Check-Out Day  
March 27 & March 28..... Concurrence Only  
March 29 - April 9..... Veto Period  
April 13.....General Assembly, Sine Die

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