



## ACTION REQUEST

February 14, 2013

### LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO.4 – 2013 KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Today marks the twelfth legislative day of this thirty day session. To date there have been a total of 483 House bills and resolutions and 273 Senate bills and resolutions filed. The last day to introduce new Senate bills is February 15 and the last day for new House bills to be introduced is February 19. As a reminder the General Assembly will not be in session on Monday, February 18 in observance of Presidents Day.

[Senate Bill 153](#) was filed yesterday by Senator Parrett, this bill would extend the state filing deadline for individual income taxes for farmers when the federal government extends their filing deadline. Due to the passage of the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 on January 2, 2013, the Internal Revenue Service will not charge a penalty to a farmer if their return is filed and all tax due is paid by April 15, 2013 rather than the normal due date of March 1. We are working with Governor Beshear's office to extend Kentucky's filing deadline for farmers to April 15 as well. For more information on the extended deadline for federal taxes go to [www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-13-05.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-13-05.pdf) and review IRS Notice 2013-5.

Below are a few specific bills we are following:

#### **[HB 190: S. Westrom, J. Adams, D. Watkins – AN ACT prohibiting smoking in public places and places of employment.](#)**

This bill would prohibit indoor smoking in businesses, places of employment, and other listed public places but would exempt private residences, unless used for child care or adult day care. The bill would permit smoking in designated non-enclosed areas and require posting of "no smoking" signs as specified locations and would also permit local governments to adopt stricter regulations by ordinance. This bill passed the House Health and Welfare Committee today and now heads to the full House. **We have been working to keep this bill from coming to a vote on the House floor but we need your help.**

***Farm Bureau Policy:*** "We believe business owners should have the exclusive right to prohibit tobacco use in their private business. We are adamantly opposed to any level of government or agency mandating that businesses prohibit tobacco use."

**Action Request:** Please contact your member of the House of Representatives and ask them to **OPPOSE HB 190.**

#### **[HB 207: W. Stone, D. Graham, J. Richards, C. Rollins II, J. Short – AN ACT relating to reorganization.](#)**

This bill will remove the Office of Career and Technical Education and the Kentucky Technical Education Personnel Board from the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet and to place the Kentucky Technical Education Personnel Board under the Department of Education; It will also establish the Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee and its membership and will permit a local board of education to petition the commissioner of education to assume management and control of a state-operated secondary vocational education and technology center and clarify issues relating to transfer of employees. It will also permit a local board of education to relinquish management and control of a

vocational education center to the Department of Education and clarify issues relating to the transfer of employees and authorize the department to implement a comprehensive plan of secondary career and technical education programs in consultation with the Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee and clarify procedures for merging Office of Career and Technical Education components and employees within the department; clarify benefit protections of employees. This bill confirms Executive Order 2012-737 issued by Governor Beshear last August. This bill passed the House Education Committee today and was placed on the consent calendar.

**Farm Bureau Priority Issue:** *“Ensure that career and technical education remains a strong and viable program in Kentucky.”*

#### **HB 60: F. Steele, S. Santoro – AN ACT relating to hunting coyotes.**

This bill would allow hunters to take coyotes without bag limitation year round; allow hunters to hunt coyotes at night using shotguns that are 10-gauge or smaller and bait or electronic calls to attract the coyotes. This bill passed the House Natural Resources and Environment Committee today and was placed on the consent calendar.

**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.”*

Kentucky Farm Bureau, along with other Kentucky commodity organizations, will be celebrating the week of February 17–23 as Food Check-Out Week recognizing Kentucky agriculture. **Wednesday, February 20, 2013 has been designated as Food Check-Out Day** and both the House and Senate will pass a resolution honoring Kentucky farmers. In addition, Kentucky Farm Bureau and Kentucky commodity organizations will provide each member of the General Assembly with a basket of Kentucky-grown commodities.

#### **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 be included on KFB’s website at [kyfb.com](http://kyfb.com)*

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