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Legislative Report No. 3 2024 Kentucky General Assembly

Today marked the ninth legislative day of the 2024 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly. The legislature will not convene on Monday, January 15, in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. They are scheduled to come back Tuesday, January 16, 2024. There has been a total of 170 senate and 282 house bills and resolutions introduced in the first nine legislative days.

Some Bills of Interest:

[HB 217: D. Hale - AN ACT relating to hunting and fishing licenses and declaring an emergency.](#)

This bill will remove the requirement that resident owners of farmlands must own five or more acres of land in order to be exempt from sport hunting and sport fishing license requirements when hunting or fishing on their own farmlands. The bill has been assigned to the House Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee.

[SB 5: G. Williams – AN ACT relating to hunting and fishing licenses and declaring an emergency.](#)

This bill will remove the requirement that resident owners of farmlands must own five or more acres of land in order to be exempt from sport hunting and sport fishing license requirements when hunting or fishing on their own farmlands. This bill passed the Senate [36-0](#) and now heads to the House for their consideration.

KFB Policy:

"We oppose a minimum acreage standard below which landowners must obtain a hunting or fishing license for lawful activities on their own property."

[SB 16: J. Schickel – AN ACT relating to agricultural operation interference.](#)

This bill will prohibit the operation of unmanned aircraft, video or audio recording devices, or photography equipment on or above a concentrated animal feeding operation or commercial food manufacturing or processing facility without written consent of the owner or authorized representative of the facility and establish a Class B misdemeanor for violations. This bill has been assigned to the Senate Agriculture Committee.

KFB Policy:

"We support legislation that would require written permission or a warrant to access real and private property by state agencies, including unmanned surveillance."

[HB 218: S. Lewis – AN ACT relating to identity documents.](#)

This bill will require the Transportation Cabinet to give notice to individuals of pending expiration of operator's licenses, instruction permits, and personal identification cards and specify the manner of notification.

KFB Policy:

"We support driver's license expiration notices being mailed to individuals a month prior to expiration."

[HCR 23: D. Johnson – A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to enact legislation allowing states to permanently adopt daylight saving time.](#)

KFB Policy:

"We recommend daylight saving time be retained year-round."

Committee Changes:

Members on some of the legislative committees have changed. [Click here](#) to view the list of committees and their membership.

Notable committee change:

- Josh Branscum, Chair – House Economic and Workforce Investment Committee

REMINDER:

This year we will again combine our **Legislative Drive-In Day** with our annual **Food Check-Out Day** activities on **February 7, 2024**. 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.

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.

YOUR LOBBYISTS

The following are registered to lobby for Kentucky Farm Bureau for the 2024 session: Kyle Kelly, Public Affairs Director, extension 37417; Ericka King, extension 35220; and Drew Graham, extension 35121. If you would like to call your lobbyists during the evening, call 502.495.5000 and key in their extensions.

If you would like to contact one of your lobbyists during the day, please call Katie Weatherholt at 502.493.7669 and she will put you in touch with one of them.

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We suggest that you keep a record of the Legislative Reports on file because, on occasion, we may refer to a previous report as a source of more details regarding an issue.

FUTURE DATES OF INTEREST

January 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
February 7..... KFB Legislative Drive-In/Food Check-Out Day
February 19..... President's Day Holiday
February 26..... Last Day for New House Bills
February 28..... Last Day for New Senate Bills
March 27 & 28 Concurrence Only
March 29 - April 9 Veto Period
April 15..... General Assembly, Sine Die

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