

1 AN ACT relating to the registration of farmers for sales and use tax exemption
2 purposes.

3 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

4 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 139 IS CREATED TO
5 READ AS FOLLOWS:

6 *(1) On and after January 1, 2021, every person claiming an exemption provided*
7 *under KRS 139.480(4) to (9), KRS 139.480(11), KRS 139.480(13) to (15), and*
8 *KRS 139.480(23) to (30) shall first apply for an agriculture exemption number*
9 *from the department.*

10 *(2) A person is eligible to apply for an agriculture exemption number if the person is:*

11 *(a) Regularly engaged in the occupation of tilling and cultivating the soil for*
12 *the production of crops as a business;*

13 *(b) Regularly engaged in the occupation of raising and feeding livestock of a*
14 *kind the products of which ordinarily constitute food for human*
15 *consumption;*

16 *(c) Raising and feeding poultry;*

17 *(d) Producing milk for sale; or*

18 *(e) Regularly engaged in raising ratite birds, llamas, alpacas, buffalos, cervids,*
19 *or aquatic organisms as an agricultural pursuit.*

20 *(3) (a) Persons that receive an agriculture exemption number and choose to claim*
21 *the exemptions outlined in subsection (1) of this section shall, at least one*
22 *(1) time, provide the seller or retailer from whom they purchase exempt*
23 *tangible personal property with one (1) of the following:*

24 *1. A fully completed exemption certificate, as prescribed by the*
25 *department, which shall contain the agriculture exemption number*
26 *issued by the department; or*

27 *2. A fully completed Streamlined Sales Tax Certificate of Exemption*

1 which shall include the agriculture exemption number.

2 (b) A purchaser that has met the requirements of paragraph (a) of this
3 subsection may issue the agriculture exemption number to the seller or
4 retailer for subsequent purchases as evidence of an exempt purchase for as
5 long as the agriculture exemption number is valid.

6 (4) (a) The department, by administrative regulation, shall develop an application
7 form for the agriculture exemption number and procedures by which the
8 application form may also be submitted either electronically or by paper
9 filing.

10 (b) The application shall include:

- 11 1. The person's name and mailing address;
- 12 2. The farm address, if different from the person's mailing address;
- 13 3. An affirmation that the person meets at least one (1) of the criteria
14 outlined in subsection (2) of this section;
- 15 4. The person's driver's license number; and
- 16 5. One of the following forms of documentation:
 - 17 a. IRS Schedule F, Profit or Loss from Farming;
 - 18 b. IRS Form 4835, Farm Rental Income and Expenses;
 - 19 c. The farm service agency number or numbers assigned by the
20 United States Department of Agriculture pertaining to the
21 parcels of land on which agriculture activity will take place; or
 - 22 d. Any other type of information that may establish to the
23 satisfaction of the Commissioner that the applicant qualifies for
24 the agriculture exemption number.

25 (5) (a) The agriculture exemption number shall expire three (3) years from the
26 date that the number is issued by the department or when the person ceases
27 to engage in the agriculture activity for which the agriculture exemption

1 number was granted, whichever comes first.

2 (b) The person may apply for a renewal of the agriculture exemption number
3 prior to the expiration date if the person continues to meet the requirements
4 of subsection (2) of this section and provides documentation required by
5 subsection (4)(b)4. of this section. The department shall, by administrative
6 regulation, prescribe the electronic process for renewing an agriculture
7 exemption number.

8 (6) (a) On or before July 1, 2021, the department shall develop and provide an
9 online searchable database on the department's Web site that the seller or
10 retailer may use to confirm the agriculture exemption number if the
11 purchaser cannot produce documentation of the agriculture exemption
12 number at the time of sale.

13 (b) To search the database, the seller or retailer shall provide the name of the
14 person assigned the agriculture exemption number; and one (1) of the
15 following:

- 16 1. The agriculture exemption number;
17 2. The agriculture exemption number expiration date;
18 3. The person's driver's license number;
19 4. The farm service agency parcel number; or
20 5. Any other of unique identifier that may be accepted by the department.

21 (c) The seller or retailer shall be relieved of the liability for collecting and
22 remitting the sales and use tax if the seller or retailer meets the
23 requirements of KRS 139.260 and 139.270.

24 ➔Section 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2021.