



ANDY BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**Secretary of State**  
Frankfort  
Kentucky

2023-705  
November 9, 2023

**STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATING TO  
THE PROHIBITION AGAINST PRICE GOUGING**

Beginning on November 3, 2023, and continuing, drought conditions intensified across the Commonwealth, resulting in increased threats of wildfires. Wildfires are now active across the Commonwealth of Kentucky, with numerous uncontrolled wildfires in eastern Kentucky and long-range weather forecasts predicting a statewide potential for additional fires, creating dangerous conditions and damage to public infrastructure, utility distribution systems, and private properties. Under the powers provided by the Kentucky Constitution and Kentucky Revised Statutes, including KRS Chapter 39A, I declared by Executive Order 2023-704 on November 9, 2023, that a State of Emergency exists in the Commonwealth. Under the Kentucky Constitution and Chapter 367 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, I am empowered to implement certain provisions of law aimed toward protecting Kentucky consumers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Kentucky Constitution and KRS Chapters 367 and 39A, do hereby implement the provisions of KRS 367.372, *et seq.*, as to the sale of goods and services, and do hereby Order and Direct that:**

1. No person, within the meaning of KRS 446.010, shall sell or offer to sell any good or service delineated in KRS 367.374(1)(b) at a price grossly in excess of the price prior to the declaration by Executive Order 2023-704 on November 9, 2023, that a Statewide State of Emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
2. The foregoing is subject to the qualifications and limitations set forth otherwise in KRS 367.372, *et seq.*, with regard to increased cost to sellers *inter alia*.
3. Any person who violates the provisions of KRS 367.372, *et seq.*, as implemented by this Order, shall be subject to the penalties set forth in KRS 367.378 or other applicable law.



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4. The Division of Emergency Management shall immediately notify the public and those registered with the Division for the purpose of receiving notice of the implementation, renewal, or termination of the provision of this Order relating to KRS 367.374. The Division shall notify the public by any means available, including the Division's Web site, news media, and electronic mail. Any person or trade association may register with the Division for the purpose of receiving notification.

This Order shall be effective November 9, 2023. This Order shall be in effect for the duration of the State of Emergency herein referenced and shall be subject to renewal thereafter if necessary to protect the lives, property, or welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andy Beshear".

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ANDY BESHEAR, Governor  
Commonwealth of Kentucky

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MICHAEL G. ADAMS  
Secretary of State