

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

Secretary of State Frankfort Kentucky 2022-483 August 3, 2022

#### STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATING TO SUSPENSION OF KRS 257.160

Beginning on July 26, 2022, and continuing, a severe weather system generating multiple rounds of heavy torrential rain, creating flooding, flash flooding, mudslides, and landslides is impacting the Commonwealth of Kentucky; creating dangerous conditions and damage to public infrastructure, utility distribution systems, and private properties.

These conditions are endangering public health and safety and public and private property; and

State and local governments share responsibility for protection of public health, safety, and security as well as for the protection of public and private property and for taking appropriate actions to ensure the provision of essential public services;

KRS 257.160(2) requires an owner to dispose of all carcasses of domestic livestock, poultry, and fish which have died or which have been destroyed on account of any disease within 48 hours after the carcass is found unless the carcass is otherwise preserved in cold storage;

The Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and the State Veterinarian recommend a suspension of this 48-hour requirement during the state of emergency, and the Attorney General concurs in the recommendation:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of Kentucky and by KRS Chapter 39A, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and do hereby ORDER and DIRECT that:

- 1. KRS 257.160(2) is hereby suspended during the declared state of emergency in Executive Order 2022-457.
- 2. Owners of domestic livestock, poultry, and fish should continue to dispose of carcasses in accordance with KRS 257.160(1) as promptly as the circumstances allow.
- 3. This order shall apply to owners of domestic livestock, poultry, and fish in Breathitt, Clay, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Owsley, Perry, Pike and Wolfe counties.

This order is effective August 3, 2022.



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ANDY BESHEAR, Governor Commonwealth of Kentucky

MICHAEL G. ADAMS Secretary of State



## DANIEL CAMERON ATTORNEY GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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Whereas, the Governor has issued Executive Order 2022-483, titled a "State of Emergency Relating to Suspension of KRS 257.160," which in relevant part suspends the operation of KRS 257.160(2) during the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 2022-457; and,

Whereas, KRS 39A.180(2)(b) provides that the Governor may suspend a statute by executive order when an emergency is declared if the executive order specifying the suspension is approved by the Attorney General in writing:

NOW THEREFORE, having reviewed Executive Order 2022-483 and finding that the suspension of KRS 257.160(2) as provided for therein is appropriate, pursuant to the authority vested in me by KRS 39A.180(2)(b), I, Daniel Cameron, Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby APPROVE the suspension of suspension of KRS Executive Order 2022-06 August 3, 2022 Page 2

257.160 as reflected in Executive Order 2022-483 for a period consistent

with KRS 39A.090(2).

So **ORDERED** this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2022.

Daniel Cameron Attorney General Department of Law