

1 AN ACT relating to consumer data privacy.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 367 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *As used in Sections 1 to 10 of this Act:*

- 6 *(1) "Affiliate" means a legal entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under*
7 *common control with another legal entity or shares common branding with*
8 *another legal entity. For the purposes of this subsection, "control" or*
9 *"controlled" means:*
- 10 *(a) Ownership of, or the power to vote, more than fifty percent (50%) of the*
11 *outstanding shares of any class of voting security of a company;*
- 12 *(b) Control in any manner over the election of a majority of the directors or of*
13 *individuals exercising similar functions; or*
- 14 *(c) The power to exercise controlling influence over the management of a*
15 *company;*
- 16 *(2) "Authenticate" means verifying through reasonable means that the consumer*
17 *entitled to exercise his or her consumer rights in Section 3 of this Act is the same*
18 *consumer exercising those consumer rights with respect to the personal data at*
19 *issue;*
- 20 *(3) "Biometric data" means data generated by automatic measurements of an*
21 *individual's biological characteristics, including a fingerprint, voiceprint, eye*
22 *retinas, irises, or other unique biological patterns or characteristics that are used*
23 *to identify a specific individual but does not include a physical or digital*
24 *photograph, a video or audio recording or data generated therefrom, or*
25 *information collected, used, or stored for health care treatment, payment, or*
26 *operations under HIPAA;*
- 27 *(4) "Business associate" has the same meaning as established in 45 C.F.R. sec.*

- 1 160.103 pursuant to HIPPA;
- 2 (5) "Child" means any natural person eighteen (18) years of age or younger;
- 3 (6) "Consent" means a clear affirmative act signifying a consumer's freely given,
- 4 specific, informed, and unambiguous agreement to process personal data relating
- 5 to the consumer and may include a written statement, including a statement
- 6 written by electronic means, or any other unambiguous affirmative action;
- 7 (7) "Consumer" means a natural person who is a resident of Kentucky acting only in
- 8 an individual or household context but does not include a natural person acting
- 9 in a commercial or employment context;
- 10 (8) "Controller" means a natural or legal person that, alone or jointly with others,
- 11 determines the purpose and means of processing personal data;
- 12 (9) "Covered entity" has the same meaning as established in 45 C.F.R. sec. 160.103
- 13 pursuant to HIPPA;
- 14 (10) "De-identified data" means data that cannot be reasonably linked to an identified
- 15 or identifiable natural person, provided that a controller that possesses de-
- 16 identified data takes reasonable measures to ensure that the data cannot be
- 17 associated with a natural person;
- 18 (11) "Fund" means the consumer privacy fund established in Section 9 of this Act;
- 19 (12) "Health record" means a record, other than for financial or billing purposes,
- 20 relating to an individual, kept by a health care provider as a result of the
- 21 professional relationship established between the health care provider and the
- 22 individual;
- 23 (13) "Health care provider" means:
- 24 (a) Any health facility as defined in KRS 216B.015;
- 25 (b) Any person or entity providing health care or health services, including
- 26 those licensed, certified, or registered under, or subject to, KRS 194A.700 to
- 27 194A.729 or KRS Chapter 310, 311, 311A, 311B, 312, 313, 314, 314A, 315,

1 319, 319A, 319B, 319C, 320, 327, 333, 334A, or 335;

2 (c) The current and former employers, officers, directors, administrators,
3 agents, or employees of those entities listed in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this
4 subsection; or

5 (d) Any person acting within the course and scope of his or her office,
6 employment, or agency relating to a health care provider;

7 (14) "HIPAA" means the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
8 of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-191;

9 (15) "Identified or identifiable natural person" means a person who can be readily
10 identified directly or indirectly;

11 (16) "Institution of higher education" means an educational institution which:

12 (a) Admits as regular students only individuals having a certificate of
13 graduation from a high school, or the recognized equivalent of a certificate;

14 (b) Is legally authorized in this state to provide a program of education beyond
15 high school;

16 (c) Provides an educational program for which it awards a bachelor's or higher
17 degree, or provides a program which is acceptable for full credit toward a
18 degree, a program of postgraduate or postdoctoral studies, or a program of
19 training to prepare students for gainful employment in a recognized
20 occupation; and

21 (d) Is a public or other nonprofit organization;

22 (17) "Nonprofit organization" means an incorporated or unincorporated entity that:

23 (a) Is operating for religious, charitable, or educational purposes; and

24 (b) Does not provide net earnings to, or operate in any manner that inures to
25 the benefit of, any officer, employee, or shareholder of the entity;

26 (18) "Personal data" means information that is linked or reasonably linkable to an
27 identified or identifiable natural person but does not include de-identified data or

1 publicly available information;

2 (19) "Precise geolocation data" means information derived from technology,
3 including but not limited to global positioning system level latitude and longitude
4 coordinates or other mechanisms, that directly identifies the specific location of a
5 natural person with precision and accuracy within a radius of one thousand
6 seven hundred fifty (1,750) feet but does not include the content of
7 communications or any data generated by or connected to advanced utility
8 metering infrastructure systems or equipment for use by a utility;

9 (20) "Process" or "processing" means any operation or set of operations performed,
10 whether by manual or automated means, on personal data or on sets of personal
11 data, including the collection, use, storage, disclosure, analysis, deletion, or
12 modification of personal data;

13 (21) "Processor" means a natural or legal entity that processes personal data on
14 behalf of a controller;

15 (22) "Protected health information" means the same as established in 45 C.F.R. sec.
16 160.103 pursuant to HIPPA;

17 (23) "Pseudonymous data" means personal data that cannot be attributed to a specific
18 natural person without the use of additional information, provided that the
19 additional information is kept separately and is subject to appropriate technical
20 and organizational measures to ensure that the personal data is not attributed to
21 an identified or identifiable natural person;

22 (24) "Publicly available information" means information that is lawfully made
23 available through federal, state, or local government records, or information that
24 a business has a reasonable basis to believe is lawfully made available to the
25 general public through widely distributed media, by the consumer, or by a person
26 to whom the consumer has disclosed the information, unless the consumer has
27 restricted the information to a specific audience;

- 1 (25) "Sale of personal data" means the exchange of personal data for monetary
2 consideration by the controller to a third party, but does not include:
- 3 (a) The disclosure of personal data to a processor that processes the personal
4 data on behalf of the controller;
- 5 (b) The disclosure of personal data to a third party for purposes of providing a
6 product or service requested by the consumer;
- 7 (c) The disclosure or transfer of personal data to an affiliate of the controller;
- 8 (d) The disclosure of information that the consumer intentionally made
9 available to the general public via a channel of mass media and did not
10 restrict to a specific audience;
- 11 (e) The disclosure or transfer of personal data when a consumer uses or directs
12 a controller to intentionally disclose personal data or intentionally interact
13 with one (1) or more third parties; or
- 14 (f) The disclosure or transfer of personal data to a third party as an asset that
15 is part of a proposed or actual merger, acquisition, bankruptcy, or other
16 transaction in which the third party assumes control of all or part of the
17 controller's assets;
- 18 (26) "Sensitive data" means a category of personal data that includes:
- 19 (a) Racial or ethnic origin, religious beliefs, mental or physical health
20 diagnosis, sexual orientation, or citizenship or immigration status, except to
21 the extent the data is used in order to avoid discrimination on the basis of a
22 protected class that would violate a federal or state antidiscrimination law;
- 23 (b) Genetic or biometric data that is processed for the purpose of uniquely
24 identifying a specific natural person;
- 25 (c) The personal data collected from a known child; or
- 26 (d) Precise geolocation data;
- 27 (27) "State agency" means all departments, offices, commissions, boards, institutions,

1 and political and corporate bodies of the state, including the offices of the clerk of
2 the Supreme Court, clerks of the appellate courts, the several courts of the state,
3 and the legislature, its committees, or commissions;

4 (28) "Targeted advertising" means displaying advertisements to a consumer where the
5 advertisement is selected based on personal data obtained from that consumer's
6 activities over time and across nonaffiliated websites or online applications to
7 predict that consumer's preferences or interests. "Targeted advertising" does not
8 include:

9 (a) Advertisements based on activities within a controller's own or affiliated
10 websites or online applications;

11 (b) Advertisements based on the context of a consumer's current search query,
12 visit to a website, or online application;

13 (c) Advertisements directed to a consumer in response to the consumer's
14 request for information or feedback; or

15 (d) Processing personal data solely for measuring or reporting advertising
16 performance, reach, or frequency;

17 (29) "Third party" means a natural or legal person, public authority, agency, or body
18 other than the consumer, controller, processor, or an affiliate of the processor or
19 the controller; and

20 (30) "Trade secret" means information, including but not limited to a formula,
21 pattern, compilation, program, device, method, technique, or process, that:

22 (a) Derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being
23 generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by,
24 other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use;
25 and

26 (b) Is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to
27 maintain its secrecy.

1 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 367 IS CREATED TO
2 READ AS FOLLOWS:

3 (1) Sections 1 to 10 of this Act apply to persons that conduct business in this state or
4 produce products or services that are targeted to residents of this state and that
5 during a calendar year control or process personal data of at least:

6 (a) One hundred thousand (100,000) consumers; or

7 (b) Twenty-five thousand (25,000) consumers and derive over fifty percent
8 (50%) of gross revenue from the sale of personal data.

9 (2) Sections 1 to 10 of this Act shall not apply to any:

10 (a) State agency or any political subdivision of the state;

11 (b) Financial institutions or data subject to Title V of the federal Gramm-
12 Leach-Bliley Act, 15 U.S.C. sec. 6801 et seq.;

13 (c) Covered entity or business associate governed by the privacy, security, and
14 breach notification rules issued by the United States Department of Health
15 and Human Services, 45 C.F.R. pts. 160 and 164 established pursuant to
16 HIPAA;

17 (d) Nonprofit organization; or

18 (e) Institution of higher education.

19 (3) The following information and data are exempt from Sections 1 to 10 of this Act:

20 (a) Protected health information under HIPPA;

21 (b) Health records;

22 (c) Patient identifying information for purposes of 42 C.F.R. sec. 2.11;

23 (d) Identifiable private information for purposes of the federal policy for the
24 protection of human subjects under 45 C.F.R. pt. 46; identifiable private
25 information that is otherwise information collected as part of human
26 subjects research pursuant to the good clinical practice guidelines issued by
27 the International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements

- 1 for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use; the protection of human subjects
2 under 21 C.F.R. pts. 50 and 56, or personal data used or shared in research
3 conducted in accordance with the requirements set forth in Sections 1 to 10
4 of this Act, or other research conducted in accordance with applicable law;
- 5 (e) Information and documents created for purposes of the federal Health Care
6 Quality Improvement Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. sec. 11101 et seq.;
- 7 (f) Patient safety work product for purposes of the federal Patient Safety and
8 Quality Improvement Act, 42 U.S.C. sec. 299b-21 et seq.;
- 9 (g) Information derived from any of the health care-related information listed
10 in this subsection that is de-identified in accordance with the requirements
11 for de-identification pursuant to HIPAA;
- 12 (h) Information originating from, and intermingled to be indistinguishable
13 from, or information treated in the same manner as information exempt
14 under this subsection that is maintained by a covered entity or business
15 associate, or a program or qualified service organization as defined by 42
16 C.F.R. sec. 2.11;
- 17 (i) Information used only for public health activities and purposes as
18 authorized by HIPAA;
- 19 (j) The collection, maintenance, disclosure, sale, communication, or use of any
20 personal information bearing on a consumer's creditworthiness, credit
21 standing, credit capacity, character, general reputation, personal
22 characteristics, or mode of living by a consumer reporting agency,
23 furnisher, or user that provides information for use in a consumer report,
24 and by a user of a consumer report, but only to the extent that the activity is
25 regulated by and authorized under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15
26 U.S.C. sec. 1681 et seq.;
- 27 (k) Personal data collected, processed, sold, or disclosed in compliance with the

- 1 *federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act of 1994, 18 U.S.C. sec. 2721 et seq.;*
 2 *(l) Personal data regulated by the federal Family Educational Rights and*
 3 *Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. sec. 1232g et seq.;*
 4 *(m) Personal data collected, processed, sold, or disclosed in compliance with the*
 5 *federal Farm Credit Act, 12 U.S.C. sec. 2001 et seq.; and*
 6 *(n) Data processed or maintained:*
 7 *1. In the course of an individual applying to, employed by, or acting as*
 8 *an agent or independent contractor of a controller, processor, or third*
 9 *party, to the extent that the data is collected and used within the*
 10 *context of that role;*
 11 *2. As the emergency contact information of an individual used for*
 12 *emergency contact purposes; or*
 13 *3. That is necessary to retain to administer benefits for another*
 14 *individual relating to the individual under subparagraph 1. of this*
 15 *paragraph and used for the purposes of administering those benefits.*
 16 *(4) Controllers and processors that comply with the verifiable parental consent*
 17 *requirements of the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. sec.*
 18 *6501 et seq., shall be deemed compliant with any obligation to obtain parental*
 19 *consent under Sections 1 to 10 of this Act.*

20 ➔SECTION 3. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 367 IS CREATED TO
 21 READ AS FOLLOWS:

- 22 *(1) A consumer may invoke the consumer rights authorized pursuant to this section*
 23 *at any time by submitting a request to a controller, via the means specified by the*
 24 *controller pursuant to Section 4 of this Act, specifying the consumer rights the*
 25 *consumer wishes to invoke. A known child's parent or legal guardian may invoke*
 26 *the consumer rights on behalf of the child regarding processing personal data*
 27 *belonging to the known child.*

- 1 (2) A controller shall comply with an authenticated consumer request to exercise the
2 right to:
- 3 (a) Confirm whether or not a controller is processing the consumer's personal
4 data and to access the personal data;
- 5 (b) Delete personal data provided by the consumer;
- 6 (c) Obtain a copy of the consumer's personal data that the consumer previously
7 provided to the controller in a portable and, to the extent technically
8 practicable, readily usable format that allows the consumer to transmit the
9 data to another controller without hindrance, where the processing is
10 carried out by automated means; and
- 11 (d) To opt out of targeted advertising and the sale of personal data.
- 12 (3) Except as otherwise provided in Sections 1 to 10 of this Act, a controller shall
13 comply with a request by a consumer to exercise the consumer rights pursuant to
14 this section as follows:
- 15 (a) A controller shall respond to the consumer without undue delay, but in all
16 cases within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the request submitted pursuant
17 to the methods described in this section. The response period may be
18 extended once by forty-five (45) additional days when reasonably necessary,
19 taking into account the complexity and number of the consumer's requests,
20 so long as the controller informs the consumer of any such extension within
21 the initial forty-five (45) day response period, together with the reason for
22 the extension;
- 23 (b) If a controller declines to take action regarding the consumer's request, the
24 controller shall inform the consumer without undue delay, but in all cases
25 within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the request, of the justification for
26 declining to take action;
- 27 (c) Information provided in response to a consumer request shall be provided

1 by a controller free of charge, up to twice annually per consumer. If
2 requests from a consumer are excessive, repetitive, technically infeasible, or
3 manifestly unfounded, such as when the controller reasonably believes that
4 the primary purpose of the request is not to exercise a consumer right, the
5 controller may charge the consumer a reasonable fee to cover the
6 administrative costs of complying with the request or decline to act on the
7 request. The controller bears the burden of demonstrating the excessive,
8 repetitive, technically infeasible, or manifestly unfounded nature of the
9 request; and

10 (d) If a controller is unable to authenticate the request using commercially
11 reasonable efforts, the controller shall not be required to comply with a
12 request to initiate an action under subsection (1) of this section and may
13 request that the consumer provide additional information reasonably
14 necessary to authenticate the consumer and the consumer's request.

15 ➔SECTION 4. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 367 IS CREATED TO
16 READ AS FOLLOWS:

17 (1) A controller shall:

18 (a) Establish, implement, and maintain reasonable administrative, technical,
19 and physical data security practices to protect the confidentiality, integrity,
20 and accessibility of personal data. The data security practices shall be
21 appropriate to the volume and nature of the personal data at issue;

22 (b) Not process personal data in violation of state and federal laws that prohibit
23 unlawful discrimination against consumers. A controller shall not
24 discriminate against a consumer for exercising any of the consumer rights
25 contained in Section 3 of this Act, including denying goods or services,
26 charging different prices or rates for goods or services, or providing a
27 different level of quality of goods and services to the consumer. However,

1 nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to require a controller to
2 provide a product or service that requires the personal data of a consumer
3 that the controller does not collect or maintain or to prohibit a controller
4 from offering a different price, rate, level, quality, or selection of goods or
5 services to a consumer, including offering goods or services for no fee, if
6 the consumer has exercised his or her right to opt out pursuant to Section 3
7 of this Act or the offer is related to a consumer's voluntary participation in
8 a bona fide loyalty, rewards, premium features, discounts, or club card
9 program; and

10 (c) Not process sensitive data concerning a consumer for a nonexempt purpose
11 without the consumer having been presented with clear notice and an
12 opportunity to opt out of the processing, or, in the case of the processing of
13 sensitive data collected from a known child, for purposes of delivering a
14 product or service requested by the parent of the child, without processing
15 the data in accordance with the federal Children's Online Privacy
16 Protection Act 15 U.S.C. sec. 6501 et seq.

17 (2) Any provision of a contract or agreement of any kind that purports to waive or
18 limit in any way consumer rights pursuant to Section 3 of this Act shall be
19 deemed contrary to public policy and shall be void and unenforceable.

20 (3) Controllers shall provide consumers with a reasonably accessible, clear, and
21 meaningful privacy notice that includes:

22 (a) The categories of personal data processed by the controller;

23 (b) The purpose for processing personal data;

24 (c) How consumers may exercise their consumer rights pursuant to Section 3
25 of this Act;

26 (d) The categories of personal data that the controller shares with third parties,
27 if any; and

1 (e) The categories of third parties, if any, with whom the controller shares
2 personal data.

3 (4) If a controller sells personal data to third parties or engages in targeted
4 advertising, the controller shall clearly and conspicuously disclose the activity, as
5 well as the manner in which a consumer may exercise the right to opt out of the
6 processing.

7 (5) A controller shall establish, and shall describe in a privacy notice, one (1) or
8 more secure and reliable means for consumers to submit a request to exercise
9 their consumer rights under Section 3 of this Act. The means shall take into
10 account the ways in which consumers normally interact with the controller, the
11 need for secure and reliable communication of such requests, and the ability of
12 the controller to authenticate the identity of the consumer making the request.
13 Controllers shall not require a consumer to create a new account in order to
14 exercise consumer rights pursuant to Section 3 of this Act but may require a
15 consumer to use an existing account.

16 ➔SECTION 5. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 367 IS CREATED TO
17 READ AS FOLLOWS:

18 (1) A processor shall adhere to the instructions of a controller and shall assist the
19 controller in meeting its obligations under Section 1 to 10 of this Act. Assistance
20 shall include:

21 (a) Taking into account the nature of processing and the information available
22 to the processor, by appropriate technical and organizational measures,
23 insofar as this is reasonably practicable, to fulfill the controller's obligation
24 to respond to consumer rights requests pursuant to Section 3 of this Act;
25 and

26 (b) Taking into account the nature of processing and the information available
27 to the processor, by assisting the controller in meeting the controller's

1 obligations in relation to the security of processing the personal data and in
2 relation to the notification of a breach of the security of the system of the
3 processor pursuant to KRS 365.732 or any other applicable state and
4 federal law in order to meet the controller's obligations.

5 (2) A contract between a controller and a processor shall govern the processor's data
6 processing procedures with respect to processing performed on behalf of the
7 controller. The contract shall be binding and shall clearly set forth instructions
8 for processing personal data, the nature and purpose of processing, the type of
9 data subject to processing, the duration of processing, and the rights and
10 obligations of both parties. The contract shall also include requirements that the
11 processor shall:

12 (a) Ensure that each person processing personal data is subject to a duty of
13 confidentiality with respect to the data;

14 (b) At the controller's direction, delete or return all personal data to the
15 controller as requested at the end of the provision of services, unless
16 retention of the personal data is required by law;

17 (c) Upon the reasonable request of the controller, make available to the
18 controller information in its possession necessary to demonstrate the
19 processor's compliance with the obligations prescribed in Sections 1 to 10 of
20 this Act; and

21 (d) Engage any subcontractor pursuant to a written contract in accordance
22 with this section that requires the subcontractor to meet the obligations of
23 the processor with respect to the personal data.

24 (3) Determining whether a person is acting as a controller or processor with respect
25 to a specific processing of data is a fact-based determination that depends upon
26 the context in which personal data is to be processed. A processor that continues
27 to adhere to a controller's instructions with respect to a specific processing of

1 personal data remains a processor.

2 ➔SECTION 6. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 367 IS CREATED TO
3 READ AS FOLLOWS:

4 (1) Nothing in Sections 1 to 10 of this Act shall be construed to require a controller
5 or processor to:

6 (a) Re-identify de-identified data or pseudonymous data; or

7 (b) Maintain data in identifiable form, or collect, obtain, retain, or access any
8 data or technology, in order to be capable of associating an authenticated
9 consumer request with personal data.

10 (2) Nothing in Sections 1 to 10 of this Act shall be construed to require a controller
11 or processor to comply with an authenticated consumer rights request pursuant to
12 Section 3 of this Act if all of the following are met:

13 (a) The controller is not reasonably capable of associating the request with the
14 personal data or it would be unreasonably burdensome for the controller to
15 associate the request with the personal data;

16 (b) The controller does not use the personal data to recognize or respond to the
17 specific consumer who is the subject of the personal data, or associate the
18 personal data with other personal data about the same specific consumer;
19 and

20 (c) The controller does not sell the personal data to any third party or otherwise
21 voluntarily disclose the personal data to any third party other than a
22 processor, except as otherwise permitted in this section.

23 (3) The consumer rights contained in subsection (2) of Section 3 of this Act and
24 Section 4 of this Act shall not apply to pseudonymous data in cases where the
25 controller is able to demonstrate any information necessary to identify the
26 consumer is kept separately and is subject to appropriate technical and
27 organizational measures to ensure that the personal data is not attributed to an

1 identified or identifiable natural person.

2 (4) A controller that discloses pseudonymous data or de-identified data shall exercise
3 reasonable oversight to monitor compliance with any contractual commitments to
4 which the pseudonymous data or de-identified data is subject and shall take
5 appropriate steps to address any breaches of those contractual commitments.

6 ➔SECTION 7. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 367 IS CREATED TO
7 READ AS FOLLOWS:

8 (1) Nothing Sections 1 to 10 of this Act shall be construed to restrict a controller's or
9 processor's ability to:

10 (a) Comply with federal, state, or local laws or regulations;

11 (b) Comply with a civil, criminal, or regulatory inquiry, investigation,
12 subpoena, or summons by federal, state, local, or other governmental
13 authorities;

14 (c) Cooperate with law enforcement agencies concerning conduct or activity
15 that the controller or processor reasonably and in good faith believes may
16 violate federal, state, or local laws, rules, or regulations;

17 (d) Investigate, establish, exercise, prepare for, or defend legal claims;

18 (e) Provide a product or service specifically requested by a consumer or a
19 parent or guardian of a child, perform a contract to which the consumer or
20 parent or guardian of a child is a party, including fulfilling the terms of a
21 written warranty, or take steps at the request of the consumer or parent or
22 guardian of a child prior to entering into a contract;

23 (f) Take immediate steps to protect an interest that is essential for the life or
24 physical safety of the consumer or of another natural person, and where the
25 processing cannot be manifestly based on another legal basis;

26 (g) Prevent, detect, protect against, or respond to security incidents, identity
27 theft, fraud, harassment, malicious or deceptive activities, or any illegal

- 1 activity; preserve the integrity or security of systems; or investigate, report,
2 or prosecute those responsible for any such action;
- 3 (h) Engage in public or peer-reviewed scientific or statistical research in the
4 public interest that adheres to all other applicable ethics and privacy laws
5 and is approved, monitored, and governed by an institutional review board,
6 or similar independent oversight entities that determine:
- 7 1. If the information is likely to provide substantial benefits that do not
8 exclusively accrue to the controller;
- 9 2. The expected benefits of the research outweigh the privacy risks; and
- 10 3. If the controller has implemented reasonable safeguards to mitigate
11 privacy risks associated with research, including any risks associated
12 with re-identification; or
- 13 (i) Assist another controller, processor, or third party with any of the
14 obligations under this subsection.
- 15 (2) The obligations imposed on controllers or processors under Sections 1 to 10 of
16 this Act shall not restrict a controller's or processor's ability to collect, use, or
17 retain data to:
- 18 (a) Conduct internal research to develop, improve, or repair products, services,
19 or technology;
- 20 (b) Effectuate a product recall;
- 21 (c) Identify and repair technical errors that impair existing or intended
22 functionality; or
- 23 (d) Perform internal operations that are reasonably aligned with the
24 expectations of the consumer or reasonably anticipated based on the
25 consumer's existing relationship with the controller or are otherwise
26 compatible with processing data in furtherance of the provision of a product
27 or service specifically requested by a consumer or a parent or guardian of

1 child or the performance of a contract to which the consumer or a parent or
2 guardian of a child is a party.

3 (3) The obligations imposed on controllers or processors under Sections 1 to 10 of
4 this Act shall not apply if compliance by the controller or processor with Sections
5 1 to 10 of this Act would violate an evidentiary privilege under the laws of this
6 Commonwealth. Nothing in Sections 1 to 10 of this Act shall be construed to
7 prevent a controller or processor from providing personal data concerning a
8 consumer to a person covered by an evidentiary privilege under the laws of this
9 Commonwealth as part of a privileged communication.

10 (4) A controller or processor that discloses personal data to a third-party controller
11 or processor in compliance with the requirements of Sections 1 to 10 of this Act is
12 not in violation of Sections 1 to 10 of this Act if the third-party controller or
13 processor that receives and processes the personal data is in violation of Sections
14 1 to 10 of this Act, provided that, at the time of disclosing the personal data, the
15 disclosing controller or processor did not have actual knowledge that the
16 recipient intended to commit a violation. A third-party controller or processor
17 receiving personal data from a controller or processor in compliance with the
18 requirements of Sections 1 to 10 of this Act is likewise not in violation of Sections
19 1 to 10 of this Act for the transgressions of the controller or processor from which
20 it receives the personal data.

21 (5) Nothing in Sections 1 to 10 of this Act shall be construed as an obligation
22 imposed on controllers and processors that adversely affects the privacy or other
23 rights or freedoms of any persons, such as exercising the right of free speech
24 pursuant to the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, or applies to
25 personal data by a person in the course of a purely personal or household
26 activity.

27 (6) Personal data processed by a controller pursuant to this section shall not be

1 processed for any purpose other than those expressly listed in this section unless
2 otherwise allowed by Sections 1 to 10 of this Act. Personal data processed by a
3 controller pursuant to this section may be processed to the extent that the
4 processing is:

5 (a) Reasonably necessary and proportionate to the purposes listed in this
6 section; and

7 (b) Adequate, relevant, and limited to what is necessary in relation to the
8 specific purposes listed in this section. Personal data collected, used, or
9 retained pursuant to subsection (2) of this section shall, where applicable,
10 take into account the nature and purpose or purposes of such collection,
11 use, or retention. The data shall be subject to reasonable administrative,
12 technical, and physical measures to protect the confidentiality, integrity,
13 and accessibility of the personal data.

14 (7) If a controller processes personal data pursuant to an exemption in this section,
15 the controller bears the burden of demonstrating that the processing qualifies for
16 the exemption and complies with the requirements in this section.

17 (8) Processing personal data for the purposes expressly identified in subsection (1) of
18 this section shall not by itself make an entity a controller with respect to the
19 processing.

20 (9) Nothing in Sections 1 to 10 of this Act shall require a controller, processor, third
21 party, or consumer to disclose trade secrets.

22 ➔SECTION 8. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 367 IS CREATED TO
23 READ AS FOLLOWS:

24 (1) The Attorney General shall have exclusive authority to enforce violations of
25 Sections 1 to 10 of this Act. The Attorney General may enforce Sections 1 to 10 of
26 this Act by bringing an action in the name of the Commonwealth of Kentucky or
27 on behalf of persons residing in this Commonwealth. The Attorney General may

1 issue a civil investigative demand to any controller or processor believed to be
2 engaged in, or about to engage in, any violation of Sections 1 to 10 of this Act.

3 (2) Prior to initiating any action under Sections 1 to 10 of this Act, the Attorney
4 General shall provide a controller or processor thirty (30) days' written notice
5 identifying the specific provisions of Sections 1 to 10 of this Act the Attorney
6 General, on behalf of a consumer, alleges have been or are being violated. If
7 within the thirty (30) days the controller or processor cures the noticed violation
8 and provides the Attorney General an express written statement that the alleged
9 violations have been cured and that no further violations shall occur, no action
10 for statutory damages shall be initiated against the controller or processor.

11 (3) If a controller or processor continues to violate Sections 1 to 10 of this Act in
12 breach of an express written statement provided to the consumer under this
13 section, the Attorney General may initiate an action and seek damages for up to
14 seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) for each such continued violation
15 under Sections 1 to 10 of this Act.

16 (4) Nothing in Sections 1 to 10 of this Act or under any other law, regulation, or the
17 equivalent shall be construed as providing the basis for, or be subject to, a private
18 right of action for violations of Sections 1 to 10 of this Act.

19 (5) The Attorney General may recover reasonable expenses incurred in investigating
20 and preparing the case, including attorney's fees, of any action initiated under
21 Sections 1 to 10 of this Act.

22 ➔SECTION 9. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 367 IS CREATED TO
23 READ AS FOLLOWS:

24 There is hereby created a trust and agency account to be known as the consumer
25 privacy fund. The fund shall be administered by the Office of the Attorney General. All
26 civil penalties collected pursuant to Sections 1 to 10 of this Act shall be deposited into
27 the fund. Interest earned on moneys in the fund shall accrue to the fund. Moneys in

1 *the fund shall be used by the Office of the Attorney General to enforce Sections 1 to 10*
 2 *of this Act. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any moneys remaining in the fund at the*
 3 *close of the fiscal year shall not lapse but shall be carried forward into the succeeding*
 4 *fiscal year to be used by the Office of the Attorney General for the purposes set forth in*
 5 *Sections 1 to 10 of this Act.*

6 ➔SECTION 10. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 367 IS CREATED TO
 7 READ AS FOLLOWS:

8 *(1) The provisions of Sections 1 to 10 of this Act are a matter of statewide concern*
 9 *and supersede and preempt all rules, regulations, codes, ordinances, and other*
 10 *laws adopted by a city, county, city and county, municipality, or local agency*
 11 *regarding the processing of personal data by controllers or processors.*

12 *(2) Any reference to federal, state, or local law or statute in Sections 1 to 10 of this*
 13 *Act shall be deemed to include any accompanying rules or regulations or*
 14 *exemptions thereto. Further, this enactment is declaratory of existing law.*

15 ➔Section 11. KRS 367.240 is amended to read as follows:

16 (1) When the Attorney General has reason to believe that a person has engaged in, is
 17 engaging in, or is about to engage in any act or practice declared to be unlawful by
 18 KRS 367.110 to 367.300 *or Sections 1 to 10 of this Act*, or when he *or she* believes
 19 it to be in the public interest that an investigation should be made to ascertain
 20 whether a person in fact has engaged in, is engaging in or is about to engage in, any
 21 act or practice declared to be unlawful by KRS 367.110 to 367.300 *or Sections 1 to*
 22 *10 of this Act*, he *or she* may execute in writing and cause to be served upon any
 23 person who is believed to have information, documentary material or physical
 24 evidence relevant to the alleged or suspected violation, an investigative demand
 25 requiring *that*~~[such]~~ person to furnish, under oath or otherwise, a report in writing
 26 setting forth the relevant facts and circumstances of which he *or she* has
 27 knowledge, or to appear and testify or to produce relevant documentary material or

1 physical evidence for examination, at ~~a [such]~~ reasonable time and place as may be
2 stated in the investigative demand, concerning the advertisement, sale or offering
3 for sale of any goods or services or the conduct of any trade or commerce that is the
4 subject matter of the investigation. Provided however, that no person who has a
5 place of business in Kentucky shall be required to appear or present documentary
6 material or physical evidence outside of the county where he ***or she*** has his ***or her***
7 principal place of business within the Commonwealth.

8 (2) At any time before the return date specified in an investigative demand, or within
9 twenty (20) days after the demand has been served, whichever period is shorter, a
10 petition to extend the return date, or to modify or set aside the demand, stating good
11 cause, may be filed in the Circuit Court where the person served with the demand
12 resides or has his ***or her*** principal place of business or in the Franklin Circuit Court.

13 ➔Section 12. This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.