

1 AN ACT relating to grain discounts.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 251.015 is amended to read as follows:

4 **(1)** The Division of Regulation and Inspection is established within the Office for
5 Consumer and Environmental Protection of the Department of Agriculture. The
6 division shall be headed by a director appointed by the Commissioner who shall be
7 responsible for administering the provisions of this chapter and any administrative
8 regulations promulgated in accordance with this chapter.

9 **(2)** ***The Department of Agriculture may investigate grain discounts, which are buyer-***
10 ***imposed reductions to the price per bushel of grain due to any real or perceived***
11 ***grain quality deficiencies.***

12 **(3)** ***The Department of Agriculture or its agents or employees shall have free access***
13 ***within reasonable hours to any farm, garden, elevator, warehouse, building,***
14 ***cellar, freight or express office or car, freight yard, vehicle, vessel, boat,***
15 ***container, or any other place which, for probable cause, it may be necessary or***
16 ***desirable for the agents to enter in order to conduct an investigation under***
17 ***subsection (2) of this section.***

18 **(4)** ***Any person who hinders, obstructs, or interferes with inspectors while they are***
19 ***discharging their duties under subsection (2) of this section shall be fined not less***
20 ***than fifty dollars (\$50) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100) per violation.***

21 **(5)** ***The Department of Agriculture shall report its findings on investigations relating***
22 ***to grain discounts to the Legislative Research Commission and the Interim Joint***
23 ***Committee on Agriculture by November 1 of each year.***