

## FOREWORD

This *2010 Acts Issue of Baldwin's Kentucky Revised Statutes Annotated*, Certified Version, contains all Acts of the 2010 Regular Session (which convened January 5 and adjourned sine die April 15, 2010) and First Extraordinary Session (which convened May 24 and adjourned sine die May 29, 2010) of the Kentucky General Assembly.

The effective date of ordinary legislation is July 15, 2010, ninety days following adjournment of the General Assembly (see Kentucky Constitution §55; see also Attorney General Opinion 10–002 in these preliminary pages). The effective date of First Extraordinary Session legislation is August 28, 2010. Specific Acts or sections may, however, carry special effective dates. See the full text of the Acts for emergency clauses, deferred or specified effective dates, construction clauses, and other special provisions.

Legislative action of interest includes:

- House Bill 1 (Acts Chapter 170) is known as the Amanda Ross Domestic Violence Prevention Act, and allows judges to order those who violate a DV order to wear a GPS tracking device to help ensure that abusers remain the required distance away from victims.
- House Bill 159 (Acts Chapter 150) expands health insurance coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders, requiring large group and state employee insurance plans to provide annual coverage of \$50,000 for children ages 1 to 6 and up to \$12,000 per year for older children.
- House Bill 415 (Acts Chapter 110) prohibits texting while driving and cell phone use by drivers under 18.
- Senate Bill 30 (Acts Chapter 138) extends eligibility of military personnel and their families eligible for military family assistance trust grants from 90 to 180 days after the end of deployment.
- House Bill 1 (Ex. Sess. Acts Chapter 1) provides for continued financing and conditions of operations, maintenance, support, and functioning of the government and its officers, cabinets, departments, boards, commissions, and other groups and activities.

Preliminary matter and research aids (blue pages) include membership rosters for the House and Senate; Tables that facilitate quick reference to 2010 laws—by KRS section, Senate/House Bill or Resolution number, and Acts Chapter number; and an Index that provides fast access by topic. See “How To Locate 2010 Legislation” (page XI), for details.

All Acts of the 2010 Regular and First Extraordinary Sessions are printed herein in full text. KRS section numbers are inserted in bold type preceding the section (transferred and renumbered sections show both new and former section numbers). New language is printed in bold *italics*, and deleted language is ~~struck through~~, revealing the precise nature and extent of legislative changes to the KRS. Each Act is preceded by a boldface analysis which provides brief summary phrases for the main subject matter of the Act.

Following every General Assembly session, multiple amendments to KRS sections are reconciled, and other nonsubstantive changes to the language of the Acts—conforming them to the general style of the KRS—are made by the Reviser of Statutes under the authority granted to the Legislative Research Commission (LRC) by KRS Chapter 7, in conformance with KRS Chapter 446 and the Kentucky Constitution. These changes will be compiled in the 2010 pocket parts to *Baldwin's KRS Annotated*, to be delivered later this year. The pocket parts will also include cross references and annotations to recent court decisions, Attorney General opinions, and Executive Orders.

Although *Baldwin's KRS Annotated* is a Certified Version, as designated by the Legislative Research Commission, *Baldwin's KRS Acts Issues* are unofficial. Thus, although this *2010 Acts Issue* provides a permanent record of 2010 Regular and First Extraordinary Session laws, the only *official edition* of the Kentucky Acts is published by LRC.

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