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CATEGORY	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	HOW ENACTED	DATE	BILL #	KRS	LINK
Community Engagement	Defense Industrial Base Support	Kentucky COMPETES grant through OLDCC (Collaborative Opportunities to Modernize Practices, Engagement, Teams, and the Economy for Success), vreating the Created the Strengthening the	Interagency Collaboration	2025	N/A	N/A	https://education.louisville.edu/community/skills-collaborative/kentucky-competes
Community Engagement	Child Abuse Case Reporting to Military Installations	Requires the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to determine the military status of any parent or guardian subject to an investigation and to notify a Department of Defense family advocacy program of an investigation involving a member	Legislation	2024	HB 453	KRS Chapter 620.040	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=56527
Community Engagement	Kentucky Ashanti Alert System	Create a new section of KRS Chapter 16 to require the Department of Kentucky State Police to create and operate the Kentucky Ashanti Alert System to provide public notification	Legislation	2024	SB 45	KRS Chapter 16.174	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54841
Community Engagement	Kentucky Urban Search & Rescue Program	Established in 2023 under the Department of Military Affairs' Division of Emergency Management, creating a state capability to ensure rapid response versus reaching out to neighboring states for support	Legislation	2023	HB 157	KRS Chapter 39A.245	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=53993
Community Engagement	Real Estate Disclosure Notice for Installation Support	Created internal notice for counties adjacent to major military installations in partnership with the Kentucky Realtors Association and the Heart of Kentucky Realtors Association.	Interagency Collaboration	2023	Non-legislative		https://listwithclaver.com/real-estate-blog/disclosure-requirements-for-selling-kentucky-real-estate/#local-requirements

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Community Engagement	Kentucky Battlefield Preservation Fund	Amend KRS 171.394 to require that matching nonstate funds from nonprofit organizations be dollar for dollar for Civil War sites and one dollar to each three dollars for Revolutionary War sites in order to receive funds from the Kentucky battlefield preservation fund; require approval of the state historic preservation officer for grants exceeding 50% of the appraised value of the land or permanent protective interests.	Legislation	2023	SB 144	KRS Chapter 171.394	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=53632
Community Engagement	Resolution on Women's Armed Services Integration Act	A RESOLUTION recognizing the 75th anniversary of the enactment of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act.	House Resolution	2023	HR 53		N/A

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Community Engagement	Resolution on obtaining Kentucky motor vehicle operator licenses for unlicensed members of the Armed Forces stationed outside the United States.	A RESOLUTION encouraging the Commonwealth of Kentucky to assist the United States Department of Defense by tasking the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs, the Transportation Cabinet, and the Department of the Kentucky State Police to coordinate with the Department of Defense and the United States Army Fifth Corps at Fort Knox to develop a potential solution for obtaining Kentucky motor vehicle operator licenses for unlicensed members of the Armed Forces stationed outside the United States. (Wound up assessed as too complicated due to need to get permission from all 50 states to honor the licenses)	House Resolution	2023	HR 86		N/A
Community Engagement	Resolution Condemning Russian Military Aggression in Ukraine	A RESOLUTION condemning Russia's unprovoked military aggression and invasion of the sovereign state of Ukraine.	House Resolution	2022	HR 95		N/A
Community Engagement	Kentucky Civil War Site Preservation Fund	Establishes the Kentucky Civil War Site Preservation Fund to protect Civil War heritage sites through the Kentucky Military Heritage Council.	Legislation	2020	HB 319	KRS Chapter 171.394	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=53632

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Community Engagement	Defining Unmanned Aircraft System (Drone) Usage and Protections / Citizens' Freedom from Unwarranted Surveillance Act	Amend KRS 446.010 to define "unmanned aircraft system"; create a new section of KRS Chapter 500 to prescribe permitted and prohibited uses of drones; provide exceptions; prohibit use of evidence obtained by a drone in violation of stated prohibitions; authorize that section to be cited as the "Citizens' Freedom from Unwarranted Surveillance Act"; create a new section of KRS Chapter 501 to clarify criminal liability for offenses committed using a drone; create a new section of KRS Chapter 525 to create the offense of obstructing an emergency responder.	Legislation	2018	HB 22	KRC Chapter 446.010	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=53285
Community Engagement	Trespass Upon Key Infrastructure Assets	Create a new section of KRS Chapter 511, to establish the offense of trespass upon key infrastructure assets.	Legislation	2018	HB 324	KRS Chapter 511.100	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=55888
Community Engagement	Military Kids Day	Legislation initiative to honor military kids each February with attendance at legislative committee meetings and military static display support. Legacy of former Senate VMAPP Chair Jimmy Higdon.	State Policy	2017		N/A	https://legislature.ky.gov/LRC/Pages/Military-Kids-Day.aspx

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Community Engagement	Military Service Excused Absences`	Allow any high school student participating in basic training required by a branch of United States Armed Forces to be considered present for all purposes for up to ten days.	Legislation	2016	SB 256	KRS Chapter 159.035	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=53173
Community Engagement	Korean War Armistice Day	July 27 each year.	Legislation	2014	HB 234	KRS Chapter 2.158	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=43222
Community Engagement	Uniform Military and Overseas Voting Act	Improves military access to voting by allowing military and overseas citizens to register to vote and update their registration online, ensuring that military and overseas voters have sufficient time to vote in special elections and extend existing protections to state and local elections and National Guard members. Allowing voting ballots to be transmitted to the military via the Internet, but not returned electronically. KRS 17A.070/090/110.	Legislation	2013	SB 1	KRS Chapter 117A.070	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54646
Community Engagement	Flag to be Manufactured in US	Requires any POW/MIA flag purchased or displayed by a public institution be manufactured in the US.	Legislation	2012	HB 121	KRS Chapter 2.065	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=40092
Community Engagement	US Flag, POW/MIA Flag at Highway Rest Areas	Requires KY Department of Highways to display the US flag, KY flag, POW/MIA flag at all highway rest areas.	Legislation	2011	HB 317	KRS Chapter 176.415	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54882

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Community Engagement	Kentucky Office of Homeland Security	Establishes the KY Office of Homeland Security and its duties; attached to the Office of the Governor; creates the KY Intelligence Fusion Cntr to be administered under KY Office of Homeland Security. (Original: KRS 61.878; Amendment: KRS Chapter 39G.010) HB 167 in 2013, original 2006.	Legislation	2006		KRS Chapter 61.878	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=56330
Community Engagement	Kentucky Military Heritage Council	Establishes the Military Heritage Commission to designate and protect military heritage sites and military heritage objects.	Legislation	2002	HB 62	KRS Chapter 171.345	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=48838
Community Engagement	Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs	Commission was created to help coordinate military related issues through the legislature and state agencies. Operates as a separate administrative body of state government. Commission consists of The Governor, ... Adjutant General of the Commonwealth... Commissioner of the Department of Veterans' Affairs... The Commander from each of the 16 military commands or installations, and five (5) at-large members representing counties significantly impacted by military installations.	Legislation	1996	HB 54	KRS Chapter 154.12-203	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54973

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Education	School Liason Officers	Child and Youth services at Fort Campbell and Fort Knox provide School Liason Officers who support in the areas of education and transitions.	DOD Policy	UNK	N/A	N/A	https://knox.armymwr.com/programs/school-liason-officer
Education	Purple Star Award Ribbon, Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps	Creation of a Kentucky Purple Star Schools ribbon for Army JROTC cadets in participating Purple Star Schools, in coordination with the U.S. Army Cadet Command.	Interagency Collaboration	2025	N/A	N/A	POC for nominations is CSM Hooper at otis.hooper@education.ky.gov.
Education	Military Healthcare Academic Career Pathways	Creation of "Heroes to Healers" academic career pathways and integrated academic bridge programs to prepare military healthcare personnel for licensure in various (27) healthcare-related fields	Legislation	2025	HB 303	KRS Chapter 164.2846	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=56155
Education	State Director of Army Instruction Office, Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps	Creation of the State Director of Army Instruction Office, Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps, Kentucky Department of Education Division of Student Transition and Career Readiness, Office of Career and Technical Education to manage state Army JROTC programs in coordination with the U.S. Army Cadet Command at Fort Knox.	Interagency Collaboration	2024	N/A	N/A	https://www.education.ky.gov/CTE/ctepa/Pages/JROTC.aspx
Education	Pre-enrollment and reenrollment for K-12 Students	Ensures placement stability through subsequent moves from temporary to permanent housing following a PCS.	Legislation	2024	HB 471	KRS Chapter 159.075	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=55087

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Education	National Guard/Reserve Added to Educational Opportunity for Military Children (MIC3)	Amends the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, to correct a citation to federal law; amend KRS 156.735 to include the children of National Guard and Reserve personnel within the rights granted under that compact.	Legislation	2024	HB 200	KRS Chapter 156.735	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54972
Education	Kentucky Virtual Academy	Offers online schooling options with consistent curriculum and accessibility for military students	State Policy	2023	704 KAR 3:535	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/kar/titles/704/003/535/	https://kyva.k12.com/resources/military-family-support/
Education	KY Guard Youth Challenge school classification	Aligns the Kentucky National Guard Youth Challenge Program for challenged teens with high school requirements in coordination with the Kentucky Department of Education.	Legislation	2023	HB 244	KRS Chapter 36.042	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54079
Education	Kentucky Purple Star Award for Military-Friendly Schools	Recognizes schools that show a major commitment to students and Families connected to the U.S. Armed Forces. Participating schools must appoint a school liaison trained to handle the unique challenges experienced by military families, and ensure ensure that other teachers at their school are aware of considerations that students from military families can benefit from. Dedicated webpage featuring resources for military families required.	https://www.kypurples.com/about-us/	2022	HB 469 (2024) enabling legislation	KRS Chapter 160.153	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=55537

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Education	School Enrollment Protection for Transferring Reservists	Include parents or guardians who are transferring to a reserve component or separating from the military under honorable conditions; include a home under contract to be built as a qualifying residence; allow qualifying students to temporarily reside outside of district if the housing is unavailable and be included in the attending district's average daily attendance.	Legislation	2020	HB 266	KRS Chapter 159.075	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=55087
Education	Maintaining post-secondary education residency	Allows service members, spouses, and dependents who are accepted to or enrolled in a Kentucky public post-secondary institution to keep residency status if the service member is required to move on official orders.	Legislation	2019	HB 356	KRS Chapter 164.2844	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=49155
Education	Pre-Enrollment for K-12 Students	Allows military children whose families are transferring to Kentucky on official orders to be pre-enrolled in a school district before obtaining a permanent address. Allows for remote enrollment.	Legislation	2019	HB 399	KRS Chapter 159.075	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=55087
Education	Provisional Teaching Certificate	Allows a veteran with a bachelor's degree in any area to be issued a provisional teaching certificate if other criteria are met.	Legislation	2017	SB 117	KRS Chapter 161.048	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54577

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Education	In-State Tuition Waivers for Kentucky National Guard and Reserve	Allows Kentucky public universities to charge in-state tuition to any active member of the Kentucky National Guard and Reserve Component.	Legislation	2016	HB 276	KRS Chapter 164.2844	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=49155
Education	Tuition waivers for adopted children who serve in the military	Extends the five-year tuition waiver eligibility period for adopted children who serve in the military if military service proceeds attending higher education institution.	Legislation	2013	SB 95	KRS Chapter 164.2847	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=50427
Education	Kentucky a Purple Heart State	Declares a formal recognition and honor for those Kentuckians who have been wounded or killed in the service of our country by being engaged in combat with an enemy force while protecting our freedom.	Legislation	2013	SCR 19		https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/13rs/scr19.html
Education	Tuition waivers for adopted children who serve in the military	Extends the five-year tuition waiver eligibility period for adopted children who serve in the military if military service proceeds attending higher education institution.	Legislation	2013	SB 95	KRS Chapter 164.2847	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=50427
Education	Tuition Benefit for Non-KY Residents on Post 9/11 GI Bill	Allows KY public universities to charge in-state tuition to veterans who are non-KY residents if that veteran qualifies under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.	Legislation	2011	HB 425	KRS Chapter 164.020	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=56411
Education	DOD Civilian Employees Added to Educational Opportunity for Military Children (MIC3)	Provides students of civilian military employees the same rights as students of military families if the parents are required to move to perform their job responsibilities, resulting in the students changing schools.	Legislation	2009	SB 39	KRS Chapter 156.735	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54972

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Education	Students Excused Absences to Visit Military Parent on Leave Deployment	Permits excused absences for up to twelve days to visit a parent or legal guardian serving in the US military, stationed out of the country, and on leave granted by the military.	Legislation	2009	HB 124	KRS Chapter 159.035	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=53173
Education	Interstate Compact on Military Children - K-12 Students of Civilian-Military Employees Equal Education Rights	Provides students of civilian-military employees the same rights as students of military families if the parents are required to move to perform their job responsibilities, resulting in the students changing schools. (KRS Chapter 156; 156.730)	Legislation	2009	HB 124	KRS Chapter 159.730	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54971
Education	Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children	Establishes KY into an Interstate Commission Compact in agreement to provide oversight relating to educational opportunities for active duty and civilian military children. (KRS Chapter 156)	Legislation	2008	SB 68	KRS Chapter 156.730	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54971
Education	Tuition Exemption Spouse & Children of Deceased, Disabled, POW/MIA	Allows a tuition and fee waiver to a spouse or student under the age of 26 of a permanently deceased KY veteran, disabled Guard member, war veteran, POW or MIA for state-supported colleges, universities or vocational training schools.	Legislation	2007	HB 128	KRS Chapter 164.507; 164.515	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=45834
Education	Students Credit Protection When Called to State Active Duty	Requires a student called to federal military active duty shall not be discriminated against for absence and credit with academic work accomplished and given reasonable time to make up work.	Legislation	2006	HB 80	KRS Chapter 38.470	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=21574

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Education	Teachers, Principals etc. Benefits during Deployment	Permits a Board of Education to provide a leave of absence to a member of a state National Guard or a Reserve component ordered to active duty.	Legislation	2004	HB 551	KRS Chapter 161.168; 161.507 (4) (b)	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=3886
Education	Veterans Day Programs in Schools	Requires all public schools to hold Veterans Day programs.	Legislation	2003	HB 303	KRS Chapter 158.075	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=3433
Education	Tuition Exemption Spouse & Children of Deceased, Disabled, POW/MIA	Allows a tuition and fee waiver to a spouse or student under the age of 26 of a permanently deceased KY veteran, disabled Guard member, war veteran, POW or MIA for state supported colleges, universities or vocational training schools.	Legislation	2002	HB 112 (also HB 460/2024 and HB 128/2007)	KRS Chapter 164.507	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=45834
Education	Tuition Waiver For 100% Disabled or Deceased Child of Veteran	Allows child of a veteran who acquired disability as direct result of veteran's service receive tuition waiver at state-supported university, college, or vocational training institute.	Legislation	2002	HB 115	KRS Chapter 164.512	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=45835
Education	Tuition Waiver for Disabled Child of Veteran	Allows child of a veteran who acquired a disability as a direct result of veteran's service receive a tuition waiver at state-supported university, college, or vocational training institute.	Legislation	2002	HB 115	KRS Chapter 164.512	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=45835
Education	High Schools Must Grant Student Access and Information	Requires KY high schools to provide access to campuses and student directory information for official recruiting of US Armed Forces, KY Air National Guard, and KY Army National Guard.	Legislation	2002	HB 110	KRS Chapter 160.725	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=3819

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Education	Educational Excellence Scholarship Awards	Permits a student attending an out-of-state high school while parents are serving in US military, and who maintains KY as their home of record to qualify for KY educational excellence scholarship awards.	Legislation	2002	HB 59	KRS Chapter 164.7879	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=53793
Education	Creates a Youth Challenge division within Department of Military Affairs. (KRS 36.010)	Creates a Youth Challenge division within Department of Military Affairs.	Legislation	2000	HB 92	KRS Chapter 36.042	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54079
Education	Exemption from Matriculation or Tuition Fee	Exempts dependents, widow, or widower of members of the Armed Forces or of members of the National Guard killed while in service or having died as a result of a service-connected disability or having died as a result of a service-connected disability.	Legislation	2000	HB 181	KRS Chapter 164.505	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=45833
Education	Flag Program of Instruction Required	Requires KY Board of Education to develop flag programs of instruction to elementary and secondary schools.	Legislation	2000	HB 506	KRS Chapter 158.175	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=56380
Education	Kentucky National Guard State Tuition Award Program	Service members serving in the Kentucky National Guard can receive a tuition award that will pay in-state tuition for full or part-time study at Kentucky public and private educational institutions.	Legislation	1996	https://ky.ng.mil/Portals/59/Education%20and%20Incentives/State%20TA%20Flyer.pdf	KRS Chapter 164.5161	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=4311
Education	Corrects Federal Citation to MIC3 Compact						

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Employment	Kentucky Career Center, Veterans Services	Kentucky Career Centers have staff trained to assist Veterans and Service members who are leaving the U.S. Armed Forces find suitable/sustainable civilian employment. Services include job search assistance, interview preparation, resume and cover letter assistance, etc.	State Policy	UNK	N/A	N/A	https://kcc.ky.gov/veterans/Pages/default.aspx
Employment	Military Firefighter Work Schedules	Permits specified fire personnel employed at Fort Campbell, Fort Knox and by the Kentucky National Guard/Department of Military Affairs to have schedules of 48 hours on duty followed by 96 hours off duty; allows for collective bargaining.	Legislation	2025	HB 131	KRS Chapter 95.500	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=56119
Employment	Kentucky Veterans Accelerated Licensure Occupational Recruitment (VALOR)	Employment support for military spouses and families. Helps connect them to remote opportunities wherever they are located. Also have established pathways and experience navigating licensure reciprocity.	Nonprofit initiative under the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation	2022	Non-legislative	Funded in budget legislation (General Fund)	https://kyvalor.com/for-families/
Employment	Military to Law Enforcement Program (M2LE)	The goal of M-2-LE is two part. First, to create an effective and efficient means to recruit and train active duty military personnel interested in starting a law enforcement career within Kentucky. Secondly, to incentivize and create financial and expedited hiring benefits to our law enforcement and support agencies who choose to hire veterans.	State Policy	2021		Kentucky Law Enforcement Council	https://justice.ky.gov/Boards-Commissions/KLEC/programs/Pages/m2le.aspx

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Employment	Veterans Preference for Law Enforcement Officers	All other qualifications being equal, preference shall be given to veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States in time of war, who were honorably discharged.	Legislation	2018	HB 512	KRS Chapter 16.040	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=47253
Employment	Federal Peace Officers U.S. Mint Fort Knox	Grants Kentucky peace officer powers to the United States Mint Police under specified conditions.	Legislation	2017	HB 225	KRS Chapter 61.365	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=46472
Employment	Military Spouse Unemployment Benefits	Prohibits disqualification for unemployment benefits for worker who leaves a job to follow a military spouse who has been reassigned to another military base or duty location that is 100 miles or more from the worker's home.	Legislation	2017	HB 325	KRS Chapter 341.370	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=53246
Employment	Employment at Veterans' Nursing Homes	Permit the Executive Director of the Office of Kentucky Veterans' Centers to contract to hire licensed nursing staff at the state veterans' nursing homes and exempt nursing contracts from the definition of "personal service contracts".	Legislation	2017	HB 311	KRS Chapter 45A	https://veterans.ky.gov/Veterans-Programs/Veteran-Employment/Pages/Veterans-Employment.aspx

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Employment	Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses	Requires the Finance and Administration Cabinet to set aside a minimum of 3% of the value of all state contracts for good and services for service-disabled-veteran-owned small businesses.	Legislation	2017	HB 161	KRS Chapter 45A	https://finance.ky.gov/office-of-the-secretary/office-of-equal-employment-opportunity-contract-compliance/sdvo/sb/Pages/default.aspx
Employment	Veterans Preference for Position in Urban-County Governments	Requires employing urban-county governments to expand civil service hiring preference to include veterans who served during the Persian Gulf War, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom.	Legislation	2013	HB 390	KRS Chapter 67A.240	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=42592
Employment	Leave of Absence for National Guard Service Members for Active Duty or Training	Employees who are Service members serving in the National Guard must be granted a leave of absence by their employer to attend required training or to serve on active duty. Employee must be returned to their former position with the same seniority, status, pay, and other benefits.	Legislation	2003	HB 206 (also HB 291/2018)	KRS Chapter 38.238	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=48405
Employment	Kentucky State Employment Veterans' Preference	Grants interview preference to veterans, service members, and their family members who are applying for state and local government competitive classified positions.	Legislation	1988	SB 11 (also HB 75/2010)	KRS Chapter 18A.150	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=48896

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Employment	Rehiring of Kentucky Public Employees to a Position after Military Service	Kentucky public employees who leave their position to voluntarily or involuntarily serve in the U.S. Armed Forces and receives an honorable discharge must be rehired to their former position, or a position of equal seniority, status, pay and any other rights or benefits.	Legislation	1966		KRS Chapter 61.373	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=53734
Employment	No Discrimination against Guard Members or Businesses	Prohibits depriving a Guard member employment or obstruct business or profession based on Guard membership or prevent from enlisting by threatening job action.	Legislation	1954		KRS Chapter 38.460	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=48406
Family Support	Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood-PLUS (MCCYN-PLUS)	Department of Defense provides up to \$1,500 monthly to Army families in Kentucky unable to secure child care at installation Child Development Centers	DOD Policy	2023	N/A	N/A	https://www.army.mil/article/263406/kentucky_to_offer_additional_assistance_for_military_families_unable_to_get_dc_child_care
Financial Support	Disability Income Insurance	Amends KRS Chapter 304 to add disability income insurance and paid family leave insurance as an option for military and first responders.	Legislation	2024	HB 179	KRS Chapter 304.5-165	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54520

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Financial Support	Strengthen Kentucky Homes Fund	Creates the Strengthen Kentucky Homes Fund to assist in emergency recovery; Require property insurance companies to provide a premium discount or rate reduction for properties that have received a qualifying certificate of compliance under certain circumstances.	Legislation	2024	HB 256	KRS Chapter 304.2-450	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54977
Financial Support	State Employees in the Military Entitled to Incapacitation Pay	Extends paid military leave in KRS 61.394 for state government employees up to six months if an individual is injured, made ill or otherwise incapacitated on military duty (duty related is not a requirement, simply that it happens while on military orders).	Legislation	2022	HB 345	KRS Chapter 61.394	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=52578
Financial Support	National Guard Life Insurance Program	Outstanding family benefits program operated by the National Guard Association of Kentucky; placed under the control and protection of the Adjutant General	Legislation	2021	HB 73	KRS Chapter 38.495	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=50911
Financial Support	Prohibition of patriot penalties in insurance	Prohibits insurers from refusing to issue a policy of motor vehicle liability insurance, or imposing an additional premium, due to military service.	Legislation	2021	HB 196	KRS Chapter 304.20-0411	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=50910
Financial Support	Termination or suspension of select services without fees	Allows service members who receive orders requiring relocation (for a minimum of 90 days) to terminate or suspend select services without penalty fees or proper notice	Legislation	2019	HB 316	KRS Chapter 367.550	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=48671

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Financial Support	Protects military personnel from paying Notary Public Fee for related military need	Remove fee exemptions for members of the National Guard, Reserve, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard.	Legislation	2016		KRS Chapter 64.300	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=45031
Financial Support	Notaries Public Fee Exemption	Notary fee exemptions for members of the National Guard, Reserve, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.	Legislation	2016	SB 214	KRS Chapter 64.300	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=45031
Financial Support	Probate Fee Exemption	Exempts estate probate fees for any regular member of the Armed Forces.	Legislation	2012		KRS Chapter 61.315	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=50252
Financial Support	Armed Forces Protected from Dishonest Insurance Marketing and Sales Practices	Authorizes regulations to protect service members of the US Armed Forces from dishonest insurance marketing and sales practices.	Legislation	2008	HB 577	KRS Chapter 304.12-257	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=17042
Financial Support	KY Housing Corporation Grants	Provides KY Housing Corporation grants to reduce principal and interest payments on a mortgage or rental payable by Guard or Reserve member with KY Home of Record during member's deployment on active duty outside of the country. Requires KY DMA to provide spouses with website tools such as educational, technical and ombudsman services to maintain mortgage during federal active duty.	Legislation	2007	SB 186	KRS Chapter 198A.040	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=43218

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Financial Support	Housing Grants	Provides KY Housing Corporation grants to reduce principal and interest payments on a mortgage or rental payable by Guard or Reserve member with KY Home of Record during member's deployment on active duty outside of the country. Requires KY DMA to provide spouses with website tools such as educational, technical and ombudsman services to maintain mortgage during federal active duty.	Legislation	2007	SB 186	KRS Chapter 198A.040	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=43218
Financial Support	Paid Days off for Kentucky State Employees who are Military Spouses	Kentucky state employees who are the Spouse of a Service member serving in the U.S. Armed Forces can take one paid day off when the Service member deploys and one paid day off when the Service member returns from deployment.	Legislation	2006	HB 380	KRS Chapter 18A.190	https://law.justia.com/codes/kentucky/chapter-18a/section-18a-190/
Financial Support	Military Leave for State Employees	Grants 21 days annually to include employees of state, counties, cities, school districts.	Legislation	2006	SB 133	KRS Chapter 61.394; 61.396 Personnel Memo 06-16	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=52578
Financial Support	National Guard/Reserve Death Benefits	Creates a death benefit of \$80,000, paid by KY for the family of a member of the National Guard or Reserve who dies on federal active duty. Included in HB 380 budget bill.	Legislation	2006	HB 380	KRS Chapter 61.315	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=50252

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Financial Support	Auto Insurance Discount Military Defense Driving Course	Approves insurance reduction for military members who take a defensive driving class from US Armed Forces.	Legislation	2006	SB 133	KRS Chapter 304.13-063	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=17062
Financial Support	Kentucky Military Family Assistance Trust Fund (MFAST)	Provides support to military families in time of need, including adoption assistance	Legislation	2006		KRS Chapter 36.470	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=21485
Financial Support	Purchase Service Credit for Military Time in Retirement Systems	Permits vested employee may purchase one month of credit for every six months served in the National Guard or Reserves. Similar provisions for teachers' retirement system.	Legislation	1986	HB 176	(KERS, CERS KRS 61.552; Judicial KRS 21.370(4) (A) (2) Teachers KRS 161.507)	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54852
Financial Support	Exemption from Tolls for Kentucky National Guard Service Members	Kentucky National Guard Service members are not required to pay tolls going to or returning from their place of duty.	Legislation	1942		KRS Chapter 38.430	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=21570
Health & Wellness	Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act	Adopted national standard for military parent protection during deployments.	Legislation	2021	HB 109	KRS Chapter 43A	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/chapter.aspx?id=50586

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Health & Wellness	Child Custody Decree Modifications Temporary While Deployed	Creates a court-ordered modification of a child custody decree based the active duty of a parent or custodian deployed outside the US temporary until end of deployment.	Legislation	2006	Budget Bill inclusion	KRS Chapter 403.340	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=51202
Installation Support	Future Vertical Lift	Concurrent resolution to fully support Future Vertical Lift, a vital modernization initiative of the Department of Defense and the United States Army.	House Resolution	2021	HCR 81		N/A
Licensing	Kentucky Military and Veteran License Plates	Kentucky offers 37 license plate designs for motor vehicles and motorcycles to honor the service and sacrifice of eligible Service members, Veterans, retired Service members and their Family members.	State Policy	N/A	N/A	Multiple	https://secure.kentucky.gov/kytc/plates/web/LicensePlate/Index/#8f28e1b6-4cc3-4ef8-acc6-9a8e5b5add08
Licensing	Allows Reciprocal Licensure (Cosmetology) if a License is obtained in a U.S. Territory	Reciprocal licensure clause for barber and cosmetology license applicants supports DOD-priority occupational licensing opportunities for military spouses.	Legislation	2025	SB 22	KRS Chapter 317A.100	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=56212
Licensing	Reciprocity under the Social Work Licensure Compact	DOD priority compact recognizing the rights and conditions of social workers. (KRS Chapter 335, passed March 2024)	Legislation	2024	HB 56	KRS Chapter 335	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/CHAPTER.aspx?id=38874
Licensing	Electrician or Master Electrician Licensure	Allows for military experience and education requirements as a qualification for an electrician or master electrician license.	Legislation	2024	HB 444	KRS Chapter 227A.060	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=55092

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Licensing	Reciprocity under the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact	DOD priority compact recognizing the rights and conditions of qualified school teachers. (KRS Chapter 161)	Legislation	2023	HB 319	KRS Chapter 161.135	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54108
Licensing	Reciprocity under the Cosmetology Licensure Compact	DOD priority compact recognizing the rights and conditions of licensed cosmetology professionals.	Legislation	2023	SB 57	KRS Chapter 317A.105	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=53790
Licensing	Motorcycle Endorsement for Operator's License	Allows military personnel stationed outside Kentucky to submit documentation to obtain a motorcycle endorsement on an existing operator's license through mail or electronically .	Legislation	2023	SB 60	KRS Chapter 186.416	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=53651
Licensing	Mental Health Professional Licensure Boards Interstate Compact Reciprocity Participation	Requires mental health professional licensure boards to enter into an interstate compact or to ease or establish reciprocity procedures so as to increase the mental health workforce in Kentucky and declaring an emergency.	Legislation	2022	HJR 5	KRS Chapter 114	N/A
Licensing	Reciprocity under the Occupational Therapist Compact	DOD priority compact recognizing the rights and conditions of licensed occupational therapists.	Legislation	2022	HB 213	KRS Chapter 319A.310	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=52975
Licensing	Reciprocity under the Licensed Professional Counseling Compact	DOD priority compact recognizing the a multistate licensure right to practice for Licensed Professional counselors. (KRS Chapter 335)	Legislation	2022	HB 65	KRS Chapter 335.500 to 335.599	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/chapter.aspx?id=38874

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Licensing	Reciprocity under the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact	DOD priority compact recognizing a multistate licensure privilege to practice for audiologists and speech-language pathologists.	Legislation	2021	SB 47	KRS Chapter 334A.188	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=50993
Licensing	Reciprocity under the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact	DOD priority compact recognizing the rights and conditions of a psychologist licensed in the compact to practice telepsychology.	Legislation	2021	HB 38	KRS Chapter 319.054	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=50994
Licensing	Exempt military in Kentucky from the state driver's license requirement	Exempts the KY operator's license requirement for a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, their spouse. and dependent child who hold a valid driver's license from another state when they are assigned to KY but maintain a permanent residence elsewhere.	Legislation	2021	HB 277	KRS Chapter 186.430	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=51028
Licensing	Reciprocity for Emergency Medical Technician	Occupational licensure reciprocity for military-trained Emergency Medical Technicians Amend KRS 311A.142 to require reciprocity of certification or licensure for any member of the United States military who is registered by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians as an emergency medical responder. One of many priority DOD reciprocity areas, but stops short of compact membership, which denies "true portability," so DOD doesn't credit us.	Legislation	2020	HB 357	KRS Chapter 311A.142	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54511

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Licensing	Occupational licensure for military service members and veterans - adds Guard/Reserve/Spouses	To allow reciprocal occupational licensure for members of the US Military, Reserves, and National Guard along with veterans and their spouses.	Legislation	2019	HB 323	KRS Chapter 12.245	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=55098
Licensing	Occupational License Reciprocity	Service members, veterans, and their spouses can easily transfer their out-of-state professional licenses to Kentucky, in alignment with (and beyond) the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.	Legislation	2018	HB 319	KRS Chapter 12.245	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=55098
Licensing	Reciprocity under the Nurse Licensure Compact	Reciprocity under the Nurse Licensure Compact	Legislation	2017	HB 304	KRS Chapter 314.475	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=47114
Licensing	Licensing of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning professionals	Applies military experience toward obtaining a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning license and allows a 60-day grace period after the expiration of the license for the licensee to continue to practice and apply for renewal.	Legislation	2014	HB 337	KRS Chapter 198B.664	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/14rs/hb337.html
Licensing	Certification for Military Training and Service to Firefighter	Develops procedures for accepting military training and service toward firefighter certification.	Legislation	2013	HB 167	KRS Chapter 95A.090	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=42062
Licensing	Commercial Driver's License Skills Test Waiver	Waiver of the commercial driver's skill test for military service members who have recent experience operating commercial-sized motor vehicles.	Legislation	2011	HB 202	KRS Chapter 281A.165	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=55031

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Licensing	Military Spouse Professional Licensure and Certification	Grants any professionally licensed or certified spouse of active duty military personnel transferred to KY issued a six-month temporary license.	Legislation	2011	HB 301	KRS Chapter 12.245	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=55098
Licensing	Automatic Extension of Professional Licensure and Certification	Grants any professional license or certificate renewal without payment of fees or obtaining continuing education to active duty military personnel.	Legislation	2011	HB 301	KRS Chapter 12.245	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=55098
Licensing	Eliminate Annual Proof to Renew for Veterans & Retired Military License Plates	Eliminates the requirement that discharged and retired applicants for military license plates show proof of eligibility upon renewal. Exempts military from expired license renewal within 90 days of return to Kentucky following out-of-state service.	Legislation	2010		KRS Chapter 186.041	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54974
Licensing	Concealed Deadly Weapon Licensing Extension	Extends concealed deadly weapon licensing without late fees or other penalties for military personnel within 90 days after the end of a deployment.	Legislation	2010	HB 19	KRS Chapter 36.450; 237.110	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=21484
Licensing	Automatic Extension of Licenses, Permits, or Certifications	Requires automatic extension of licenses, permits, or certifications expiring while deployed overseas. Free renewal within 90 days return.	Legislation	2010	HB 19	KRS Chapter 36.450	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=21484

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Licensing	Drivers Licensing for 17-Year Olds Enlisted in Military	Exempts 17-year-olds who have enlisted in the military from the requirement to obtain an intermediate license.	Legislation	2009	HB 399	(KRS Chapter 186.415 plus more in KRS 186.400 to 186.650, 186.412, 186.450, 186.452, 186.454)	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=6052
Licensing	Alternative Teacher Certification	Creates an alternative teaching certification for veterans of Armed Forces to teach elementary, secondary and secondary vocational educational education levels.	Legislation	2008	HB 607	KRS Chapter 161.048	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54577
Licensing	Continuing Education Requirements Exempted for Licensed Engineers	Grants waiver during Armed Forces deployments on continuing education requirements for engineer licenses.	Legislation	2007	HB 46	KRS Chapter 322.160	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=31435
Licensing	30 Days to Renew Vehicle License if Stored While Deployed	Exempt from citation for driving a vehicle with expired registration within 30 days with proof. Exempt from late renewal penalties and property taxes and treat the registration as a prorated renewal.	Legislation	2006	HB 380	KRS Chapter 186.020	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=56306
Licensing	Automatic Extension of Licenses, Permits, or Certifications	Requires automatic extension of licenses, permits, or certifications expiring while deployed overseas. Free renewal within 90 days return.	Legislation	2005	HB 189	KRS Chapter 36.450	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=21484

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Licensing	Driver's License and Motor Vehicle	Allows renewals of motor vehicle license by mail or email and vehicles online. Exempts military from expired license within 90 days of return to Commonwealth when serving out-of-state duty.	Legislation	1994	HB 365	KRS Chapter 186.412	https://drive.ky.gov/Pages/Military.aspx
Licensing	Hunting & Fishing License Exemption on any Military Property	Exempts any member of the US Armed Forces based in KY from having to obtain a hunting or fishing license on any military property belonging to KY.	Legislation	1986	HB 68	KRS Chapter 150.170	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=55362
Licensing	Kentucky Resident Service Members Exempt from Having Hunting or Fishing Licenses While on Leave	Kentucky resident Service members who are in Kentucky on leave for three or more days are not required to have a hunting or fishing license.	Legislation	1986	HB 68	KRS Chapter 150.170	https://fw.ky.gov/Licenses/Pages/License-Requirements-and-Exemptions-for-Hunting.aspx
Military	Defining Armed Forces	Includes US Space Force in the definition of Armed Forces	Legislation	2024	HB 200	KRS Chapter 41.010	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/acts/24RS/documents/0100.pdf
National Guard	Military Family Assistance Trust Fund eligibility expansion	Amend KRS 36.474 to remove the post-deployment provision relating to eligibility for the military family assistance trust fund; make technical correction; amend KRS 36.477 to expand the Kentucky National Guard Adoption Assistance Program to include former members of the Kentucky National Guard and allow adoption of stepchildren to qualify.	Legislation	2024	HB 715	KRS Chapter 36.474	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54488

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National Guard	Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board	Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board (KCCRB) Movement to Proper Cabinet Create new sections of KRS Chapter 194A to establish the administration of behavioral health community crisis response and transfer the administration from the Department for Military Affairs to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services; repeal KRS 36.250, 36.255, 36.260, 36.265, and 36.270, related to the Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board.	Legislation	2023	HB 226	KRS Chapter 194A	N/A
National Guard	Bluegrass Station Exemption	Require exempt facilities at Bluegrass Station in specific areas from requirement to have construction contracts executed under the supervision of a licensed architect or professional engineer.	Legislation	2021	SB 99	KRS Chapter 323.033	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=51440
National Guard	Kentucky Emergency Response Commission	Adds DMA Executive Director as Vice Chair of the Kentucky Emergency Response Commission. Defines membership overall.	Legislation	2021	SB 133	KRS Chapter 39E.030	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=51220
National Guard	National Guard General Officers	Amend KRS 36.025 to reflect updated job titles for Air National Guard leadership and to permit National Guard leadership to be employees of the Commonwealth; amend KRS 36.030 to conform.	Legislation	2021	SB 161	KRS Chapter 36.025	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=51235

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National Guard	Kentucky Code of Military Justice	Updates the KY National Guard's KCMJ- based on the national Model State Code of Military Justice that was developed by the National Guard Bureau, modified to comply with the Constitution of the Commonwealth of KY. (created 1954/updated 1986, 2016; KRS Chapter 35)	Legislation	2016	SB 217	KRS Chapter 35	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/chapter.aspx?id=37186
National Guard	Built-to-Suit Lease supporting Defense-Related Business Growth	Enhances defense-related business growth by allowing the KY Commissioner of the Dept for Facilities Management, on behalf of the Dept for Military Affairs, to award a built-to-suit lease.	Legislation	2013	HB 167	KRS Chapter 56.820	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=42948
National Guard	Kentucky National Guard Adoption Assistance Program	Establishes the KY National Guard Adoption Assistance Program to allow money in the military family assistance trust fund for adoption assistance.	Legislation	2012	HB 224	KRS Chapter 36.474	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54488
National Guard	Health Protection for Guard personnel	Requires Guard Members temporary or permanently disabled as a direct result of an injury or disease arising out of the performance of an act in the line of duty as a result of state active duty, at the discretion of the Governor, remain on paid state active duty status until a competent medical authority releases them to return to their normal activities or the Governor deems it appropriate to relieve the individual from state active duty status.	Legislation	2010	HB 237	KRS Chapter 38.030	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=43289

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National Guard	Kentucky National Guard Benefit Program for Returned Deployment, Physical & Mental	Institutes a program to assist KY National Guard members returning from deployment overseas with physical and mental conditions. Costs shared by Kentucky NG and KDVA. (KRS Chapter 40)	Legislation	2009	HB 541		https://ky.ng.mil/Benefits-Resources/Yellow-Ribbon-Reintegration-Program/
National Guard	Surviving Spouse Retain Kentucky National Guard License Plates	Permits surviving spouse of a former KY National Guard member or retired veteran to keep special license plates assigned to that member/veteran.	Legislation	2008	SB 150	KRS Chapter 186.041	
National Guard	Military Family Assistance Trust Fund	Grants eligibility to military personnel and their families through military family assistance trust funding 180 days after end of deployment; administrative authority provided by KY Dept Veteran Affairs. (KRS 36.474; 106 KAR 2:020; Trust Fund established in 2006)	Legislation	2006	HB 380	KRS Chapter 36.474	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54488

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National Guard	Rights, benefits, and protections upon call to active duty.	Any right, benefit, or protection that may accrue to a member of the Kentucky National Guard under the Federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. secs. 501 et seq., as a result of a call to federal active duty service under Title 10 of the United States Code shall be extended to a member of the Kentucky National Guard called to active duty service under Title 32 of the United States Code, or to state active duty by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, if the active duty orders are for a period of thirty (30) days or more.	Legislation	2002		KRS Chapter 38.510	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=21578
National Guard	KY National Guard Tuition Award Program	Allows Guard members in good standing pay tuition up to in-state, rather than full-time tuition rate.	Legislation	2000	SB 56	KRS Chapter 164.5169; 10 6 KAR 3:010	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=4313
National Guard	Liability Insurance on State Active Duty	Authorizes The Adjutant General to purchase liability insurance for members called to state active duty.	Legislation	1998	HB 539	KRS Chapter 38.490	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=21576
National Guard	Legal Representation against Guard Members or Businesses	Grants Attorney General representation for Guard member on duty who does any act in line of duty causing civil court action.	Legislation	1996		KRS Chapter 38.240	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=21551

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National Guard	Kentucky National Guard License Plate	Authorizes specialty plate for the Kentucky National Guard.	Legislation	1996	HB 13	KRS Chapter 186.041	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54974
National Guard	Peace Officer Powers on State Active Duty	Entitles Guard members on state active duty deemed peace officers if Governor specifies in executive order.	Legislation	1992	SB 324	KRS Chapter 38.480	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=21575
National Guard	Compensation for National Guard State Active Duty	Receives pay at the same rate as active duty Armed Forces.	Legislation	1992	SB 324	KRS Chapter 38.205	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=21545
National Guard	Reimbursement for expenses and subsistence for active field service or state active duty -- Annual leave.	National members called to service are entitled to reimbursement out of the State Treasury for expense of transportation and for other expenses actually incurred.	Legislation	1992		KRS Chapter 36.140	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=21444
National Guard	Deputy and assistant general officers	Deputy and assistant adjutant general for Army National Guard -- Assistant adjutant general and chief-of-staff for Air National Guard Appointment, Qualifications, Compensation.	Legislation	1962		KRS Chapter 36.025	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=51235
National Guard	Workers' Comp for State Active Duty	The Department of Military Affairs shall accept the provisions of KRS Chapter 342 for the benefit of members of the Kentucky National Guard while members are on state active duty. Includes option for separate direct payments.	Legislation	1960		KRS Chapter 38.235	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=21549

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National Guard	National Guard Facilities Construction Act	Provides funds for the construction of National Guard facilities.	Legislation	1956		KRS Chapter 36.082	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=21436
National Guard	Office of the Adjutant General	Appointment, Rank, Qualifications, Bond of Adjutant General Compensation	Legislation	1942		KRS Chapter 36.020	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=21424
National Guard	Liability for lost or damaged property	Every officer and enlisted man shall be personally responsible to the state for loss or damage to public property issued to him, and no one shall be relieved from liability, unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the Governor that the loss of or damage to the property was unavoidable and in no way the fault of the person responsible for the property.	Legislation	1942		KRS Chapter 38.280	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=21555
National Guard	Authorization for military personnel to carry arms when on state active duty	Officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men of the Kentucky National Guard shall, while on state active duty, have the same right to carry arms and in the same manner as sheriffs and other peace officers.	Legislation	1942		KRS Chapter 38.420	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=21569

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National Guard	Persons not to wear insignia of National Guard	No person shall wear any uniform, device, strap, knot or other insignia prescribed by law or general regulations as a designation of rank, grade or office in the Kentucky National Guard, except members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard of the United States, the National Guard of this or any other state, members of associations wholly composed of soldiers honorably discharged from the service of the United States or any state, and the faculty and students of educational institutions.	Legislation	1942		KRS Chapter 38.450	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=21572
State Active Duty	Kentucky National Guard Service Members May Not Be Arrested Except for a Felony When on State Active Duty	Kentucky National Guard Service members serving on state active duty may not be arrested when going to, while at, or returning from their place of duty except for a felony.	Legislation	1992	SB 324	KRS 38.480 Chapter	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=21575

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State Militia	Organization of the Kentucky State Defense Force (State Militia)	The Governor is hereby authorized to enlist, organize, maintain, equip, discipline and pay when called into active field service a volunteer state defense force other than the National Guard, which shall constitute the active militia and shall be known as the Kentucky State Defense Force, which shall consist of able-bodied citizens who are residents of the State of Kentucky between the ages of eighteen (18) and sixty-four (64) who are not active members of a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States.	Legislation	1942		KRS Chapter 37.170	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=21507
Taxes	Extension for Filing Kentucky Income Tax Return for Service Members Serving in Combat Zones	Service members serving in the Armed Forces who are deployed to an area designated as a combat zone are not required to file an income tax return and pay the taxes until 12 months after they return from deployment.	State Policy	UNK	N/A	N/A	https://revenue.ky.gov/Individual/Pages/Military-Tax-Issues.aspx
Taxes	Property Tax Exemption for Service-Connected Total Disabled Veteran	Provides homestead exemption on an annual basis for a service-connected totally disabled veteran.	Legislation	2011	HB 244	KRS Chapter 132.810	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=39641

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Taxes	Tax Increment Financing (Military Installations)	Provides tax increment financing for mixed-use development located within three miles of a military base that houses, deploys, or employs any combination of at least twenty-five thousand military personnel, their families, military retirees or civilian employees.	Legislation	2011	HB 310	KRS Chapters 65 and 154.30	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/CommitteeDocuments/313/12900/E/DWI-Oct%2029%202020%20CED%20TIF_FACT_SHEET.pdf
Taxes	Kentucky Income Tax Exemption for Military Pay	All military pay received for service in the U.S. Armed Forces is exempt from Kentucky income tax.	Legislation	2009	HB 3	Passed in the budget reconciliation special session	https://revenue.ky.gov/Individual/Pages/Military-Tax-Issues.aspx
Taxes	Kentucky Military Spouses Residency Relief Act (MSRRA) Benefits	Under Kentucky MSRRA a nonresident Service member's Spouse may be exempt from paying Kentucky taxes on wages earned while stationed in Kentucky.	Federal	2009	MSRRA	Public Law 111-97	https://revenue.ky.gov/Individual/Pages/Military-Tax-Issues.aspx
Taxes	Property Valuation Paperwork Exemption	Exempts Veterans of the US Armed Forces with a one hundred percent service-connected disability from having to file paperwork with Property Valuation Administrators annually.	Legislation	2008	HB 284	KRS Chapter 132.810	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=39641
Taxes	Property Valuation Exemption	Exempts Veterans of the US Armed Forces with a one hundred percent service-connected disability from having to file paperwork with Property Valuation Administrators annually.	Legislation	2008	HB 284	KRS Chapter 132.810	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=39641

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Taxes	State Income Tax Exemption Death on Line of Duty	Excludes all income from all sources for active duty and reserve members killed in the line of duty, for the year during occurred and the year prior. Specifically exempts all federal and state death benefits payable to the estate or any beneficiaries from state income tax.	Legislation	2006	HB 380	KRS Chapter 141.010	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=56352
Taxes	Tax Credit for Membership in the National Guard	Approves an additional tax credit if member of KY National Guard on the last day of the calendar year.	Legislation	2005		KRS Chapter 141.020(3) (L)	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=56339
Taxes	Income Tax Return Extension for Service in Combat Zone	Extends state income tax filing for service in a combat zone without penalty.	Legislation	2002		KRS Chapter 141.175	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=49191
Veterans	Kentucky State Park Benefits	Kentucky State Parks offers a military discount for active and retired Service members. Type in discount code "USA" when booking online November through March for deals on lodge rooms and cottages (15% lodging discount).	State Policy	UNK	N/A	N/A	https://parks.ky.gov/parks/park-listings/deals
Veterans	Expansion to all National Guard of State Veteran Cemeteries Eligibility	Amend KRS 40.315 to expand interment eligibility in Kentucky state veterans' cemeteries to include eligible National Guard and Reserve service members and their families.	Legislation	2025	HB 191	KRS Chapter 40.315	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=56650

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Veterans	Kentucky Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Suicide Prevention Program	Raise awareness of and reduce death by suicide within the population of service members, veterans, and their families. The program shall work to reduce barriers at the community and individual level that increase the risk of suicide by increasing access to services and collaborating with a statewide network of partners. Administration assigned to KDVA.	Legislation	2024		KRS Chapter 40.312	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54929
Veterans	Legion of Merit License Plate	Authorizes Legion of Merit License Plate as part of omnibus bill.	Legislation	2024	HB 200	KRS Chapter 186.166	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=56130
Veterans	No State Residency Requirement for Veterans Cemeteries	Intent is to support veterans from surrounding states and with Kentucky ties	Legislation	2023	HB 29	KRS Chapter 40.315	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/chapter.aspx?id=37209
Veterans	Veterans Service Organization's (VSO) - Outlaws "Gray Area"/Skill Gaming Machines	Create a new section in KRS Chapter 132 to exempt veteran service organizations from ad valorem taxation if over 50 percent of the organization's annual net income is expended on behalf of veterans and other charitable causes; amend KRS 132.010 to define "veteran service organization"; apply to property assessed on or after January 1, 2022.	Legislation	2023	HB 594	KRS Chapter 132.010	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=56334

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Veterans	Medicinal Cannabis Approval for Use in Kentucky	Establishes a structure to regulate the medical cannabis program, including dispensaries, cultivators, practitioners, processors and products and issuing identification cards to patients and caregivers.	Legislation	2023	SB 47	KRS Chapter 219B	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/CHAPTER.aspx?id=53446
Veterans	Resolution honoring KYANG Captain Thomas F. Mantell Jr.	A RESOLUTION honoring Capt. Mantell as a distinguished and highly regarded Kentucky Air National Guard pilot who died while “chasing” a UFO in his P-51 aircraft in 1948. Non-controversial resolution. Capt. Mantell became a highly controversial figure in that this event was adopted by the UFO “community” as proof of alien activity – to no fault of Capt. Mantell.	Senate Resolution	2023	SR 28		N/A
Veterans	Women Veterans' Appreciation Day	A RESOLUTION recognizing June 12, 2023, as Women Veterans' Appreciation Day in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.	Senate Resolution	2023	SR 84		N/A
Veterans	Kentucky Military Heritage License Plates	Creates military heritage license plates for the following seven Kentucky heritage active component units: V Corps, the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), the 5th Special Forces Group, the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, the United States Army Human Resources Command, the United States Army Recruiting Command, and the United States Army Cadet Command.	Legislation	2022	HB 465	KRS Chapter 186.163	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=52766

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Veterans	Current and Retired Military Exempt from Live Fire Component of Hunter Education Course	Amend KRS 150.170 to exempt current and former members of the Armed Forces and certified peace officers from the live-fire component of the hunter education course.	Legislation	2022	SB 241	KRS Chapter 150.170	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=55362
Veterans	VA HBOT Treatment Resolution	Urge Kentucky's Congressional delegation to include Kentucky's Veterans Affairs Medical Centers into the Center for Compassionate Innovation, a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs pilot program enabling the use of hyperbaric oxygen treatment for veterans with a traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder.	House Resolution	2022	HCR 40		N/A
Veterans	Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and Bronze Star (no valor requirement) License Plates	Part of omnibus military bill to expand license plate options, and more.	Legislation	2021	HB 370	KRS Chapter 186.164	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=51166
Veterans	POW/MIA Awareness License Plate	Authorizes POW/MIA Awareness License Plate as part of omnibus bill.	Legislation	2021	HB 370	KRS Chapter 186.162	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=56129

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Veterans	Veterans Service Organization's (VSO) Property Tax Exemptions	Create a new section in KRS Chapter 132 to exempt veteran service organizations from ad valorem taxation if over 50 percent of the organization's annual net income is expended on behalf of veterans and other charitable causes; amend KRS 132.010 to define "veteran service organization"; apply to property assessed on or after January 1, 2022. One year exemption only; not extended to future years.	Legislation	2021	HB 149	KRS Chapter 132.010	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=56334
Veterans	Veteran service organization qualifying as institution of public charity -- Not subject to ad valorem taxation.	A veteran service organization may qualify as an institution of purely public charity, as expressed in Section 170 of the Kentucky Constitution, if over fifty percent (50%) of its annual net income is expended on behalf of military veterans and other charitable causes.	Legislation	2021		KRS Chapter 132.212	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=51385
Veterans	Authorization for Nursing Aides in state Veterans' Nursing Homes	Increase in Veterans Benefits regional administrators, define and allow hiring of nurse aides.	Legislation	2020	HB 149	KRS Chapter 40.325	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=51206
Veterans	Veteran at Risk Green Alert	Adds a veteran at risk to those included in a "Golden Alert"; allowing any agency searching for a veteran at risk to refer to the "Golden Alert" as a "Green Alert"	Legislation	2020	SB 55	KRS Chapter 39F.180	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=51154

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Veterans	Veteran Owned Business Definition	Clarifies a nonprofit business which is at least 51 percent unconditionally controlled by a veteran to the definition of "veteran-owned business".	Legislation	2020	SB 37	KRS Chapter 14A.1-070(45)	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=50474
Veterans	Student Loan Repayment for Veterans Center Nurses	Creates a student loan repayment program for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses who will be employed by the Kentucky Department of Veteran	Legislation	2019	HB 296	KRS Chapter 40.327	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=49548
Veterans	Traumatic Brain Injury Treatment for Veterans	Create new sections of KRS Chapter 217 to define terms; permit eligible veterans to use hyperbaric oxygen treatment for treatment of traumatic brain injury; establish the conditions for use of hyperbaric oxygen treatment; prohibit sanctions of health care providers; clarify the duties of health care insurers regarding hyperbaric oxygen treatment; prohibit certain actions by state officials; provide that the Act may be known as the Colonel Ron Ray Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Treatment Act.	Legislation	2018	HB 64	KRS Chapter KRS 217.934	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=47481
Veterans	World War One Centennial Day	Designate April 6, 2017, as the World War One Centennial Day throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky.	Legislation	2017	HCR 59		https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/17rs/hcr59.html

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Veterans	National Guard and Reserve Component Eligibility for Veteran License Plates	Adds members of the National Guard or Reserve Component, who have retired or completed a minimum of 20 years of service, to be eligible for the veteran license plates and reflect the change in the federal active-duty service requirement from 24 months to 180 days.	Legislation	2017	HB 350	KRS Chapter 186.041	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54974
Veterans	Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day	Designate March 30 as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day in the Commonwealth.	Legislation	2016	HB 178	KRS Chapter 2.159	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=44928
Veterans	Disabled Veteran-owned Business Certification Program	Provides for a disabled veteran-owned business certification program and requires the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and Contract Compliance to establish guidelines for the certification program and application process.	Legislation	2016	HB 183	KRS Chapter 42	https://finance.ky.gov/office-of-the-secretary/office-of-equal-employment-opportunity-contract-compliance/sdvo/sb/Pages/default.aspx
Veterans	Governor's Advisory Board on Veterans Affairs	Requires that two members of the Board for Veteran Affairs be recommended by the Joint Executive Council of Veteran Organizations of Kentucky	Legislation	2016	HB 487	KRS Chapter 40.305	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=45073

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Veterans	Voluntary Veterans' Preference Employment Policy Act	Establishes that a private employer may have a voluntary veterans' preference employment policy. The Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Education and Labor Cabinet may assist a private employer in determining the veteran's status as an applicant. The Education and Labor Cabinet may maintain an online registry of employers that have a voluntary veterans' preference employment policy.	Legislation	2015		KRS Chapter 40.345	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=52327
Veterans	Concealed Carry License	Allows military firearms training to meet the firearms training requirement to obtain a concealed carry license.	Legislation	2014	HB 128	KRS Chapter 237.110	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=56567
Veterans	U.S. Military Service Academy License Plates	Current attendees and graduates. KRS 186.041 and 186.162.	Legislation	2014	HB 322	KRS Chapter 186.041	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54974
Veterans	Disposition of the Military Descendant's Remains	Allows the person designation by the descendant on the US DoD Record of Emergency Data, DD Form 93, or its successor form, to have authority and responsibility for the disposition of the military decedent's remains.	Legislation	2013	HB 54	KRS Chapter 36.440	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=42569
Veterans	Veteran Designation on Operator Licenses and Personal Identification Cards	Adds a veteran designation on KY operator's licenses and identification cards; requiring an applicant to present an original or copy of his or her DD-214 form.	Legislation	2012	HB 221	KRS Chapter 186.416	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=53651

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Veterans	Veteran Designation on Operator Licenses and Personal Identification Cards	Adds a veteran designation on KY operator's licenses and identification cards; requiring applicant to present an original or copy of his or her DD-214 form. Expanded in 2020 (HB 276) to clarify proof required. (KRS 186.416; KRS 186.041)	Legislation	2012	HB 221	KRS Chapter 186.416	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=53651
Veterans	Iraq/Afghanistan War Memorial Committee	Establishes the Iraq/Afghanistan War Memorial Committee for purposes of establishing a war memorial. Fund established in KRS Chapter 148.582.	Legislation	2012	HB 256	KRS Chapter 148.580	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=40256
Veterans	Right to Drill or Parade with Arms	Permits veteran service organizations and reenactment participants to drill or parade with arms.	Legislation	2011	HB 302	KRS Chapter 38.440	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=39486
Veterans	Veterans' Program Trust Fund	Established the Veterans Program Trust Fund to be managed by Ky Dept Veterans Affairs directing funding to projects and programs that help KY Veterans for which other funds are not available. HB 303 (KRS 40.310(3); 40.450)	Legislation	2011	HB 303	KRS Chapter 40.450	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=43220
Veterans	KY State Park Overnight Accommodations Rate Exempted	Kentucky resident, 100% service-connected disability (or Guard/Reserve injured while on state active duty or inactive duty training)	Legislation	2010	HB 14	KRS Chapter 148.0212	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=45832

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Veterans	Pretrial Screening Combat Veterans	Requires pretrial investigations and services to ask whether an individual has been in combat and, if so, provide contact information to services available for combat veterans; and an opportunity to connect with Kentucky NG Family Services program.	Legislation	2010	HB 377	KRS Chapter 431.515	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=18628
Veterans	Discharge Papers Recorded with County Clerk	Requires discharge papers recorded with the county clerk shall not be public records subject to public disclosure.	Legislation	2010		KRS Chapter 422.090	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=18112
Veterans	Service Members, Veterans and Their Families Behavioral Health Initiative	Host an annual "Operation: Home" Conference for SMVF caregivers and resource providers. Goal is to strengthen the statewide behavioral health care systems and services for SMVF through ongoing collaboration at the federal, state and local levels.	Interagency Collaboration	2010			https://dbhddid.ky.gov/sud/smvf
Veterans	Surviving Spouse Retain Purple Heart License Plate	Permits the surviving spouse of a Purple Heart recipient to keep special license plate assigned to that recipient. (KRS 186.041)	Legislation	2010	HB 96	KRS Chapter 186.041	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54974
Veterans	Unlimited purchase of military specialty license plates; Gold Star exempted from fees	Allows the purchase of an unlimited number of special military-related license plates; allows purchase of additional Gold Star Mothers of Gold Star Spouses plates beyond the two plates annually and exempted from fees. (KRS 186.041)	Legislation	2010	HB 199	KRS Chapter 186.041	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54974

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Veterans	Stolen Valor	Establishes the offense of misuse of military status and makes it a Class A misdemeanor when used for the purpose of direct or indirect monetary gain, and with intent to defraud, obtain employment, or be elected or appointed to public office.	Legislation	2008	HB 110	KRS Chapter 434.444	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=42401
Veterans	Indigent Veteran's Burial Program	Establishes an Indigent Veteran's Burial Program.	Legislation	2008	HB 227	KRS Chapter 40.355	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=21856
Veterans	Kentucky Medal for Freedom	Establishes the KY Medal for Freedom award for soldiers killed on or after 7 October 2001, who had ties to KY. Per amendment Year 2013, eligibility criteria was broadened to allow members of the US Armed Forces Active Duty, a state National Guard, or a Reserve Component who were buried in KY on or after July 15, 2008, and have a surviving spouse, parent, or next available family member who is a KY resident. The KY Dept Veterans Affairs manages the program and receives funds from the Veterans' Program Trust Fund.	Legislation	2008	HB 65	KRS Chapter 40.353	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=42400
Veterans	Criminalize Disorderly Conduct at Funeral	Requires military burial rights to be distributed and criminalizes disorderly conduct at a funeral.	Legislation	2007	HB 280	KRS Chapter 213.076; 525.055 (penalty)	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54937

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Veterans	Kentucky Wounded or Disabled Veterans Program	Establishes the KY Wounded or Disabled Veterans Program within the KY Dept Veterans Affairs to ease the transition from active service for wounded or disabled veterans and ensure they receive federal, state, and private benefits to which they are entitled.	Legislation	2007	HB 225	KRS Chapter 40.350	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=21854
Veterans	Veterans' benefits regional administrators and field representatives	The Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs shall employ no more than five (5) veterans' benefits regional administrators and no fewer than twenty (20) veterans' benefits field representatives.	Legislation	2006		KRS Chapter 40.317	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=50451
Veterans	Veterans' Personal Loan Program	Established the Veterans' Personal Loan Program Trust Fund under KDVA administration to oversee and administer funds under the Veterans' Personal Loan Program. Loans were intended to cover up to \$10K for 10 years, including spouse, widow and children. This trust fund remains an unfunded liability, leaving the program inoperable.	Legislation	2006	HB 314	KRS Chapter 40.650	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=21880
Veterans	Kentucky Retired Veterans Day	Designates July 1 of each year as KY Retired Veteran's Day	Legislation	2005	SB 80	KRS Chapter 2.157	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=57

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Veterans	Kentucky Women Veterans Program	Creates the Kentucky Women Veterans Program under KDVA administration to ensure that Kentucky women veterans have equitable access to federal and state veterans' services and benefits.	Legislation	2005		KRS Chapter 40.600	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=44963
Veterans	Birth & Death Certificate Copies Fees Waived	Require state registrar to furnish birth and death certificates for free under certain circumstances for current and past members of Armed Forces and KyNG .	Legislation	2004	HB 400	KRS Chapter 213.141	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54967
Veterans	Awards High School Diploma to Veterans of World War II, Korean or Vietnam Conflict	Requires local board of education to award an authentic high school diploma to an honorably discharged veteran who did not complete high school.	Legislation	2002	HB 45	KRS Chapter 158.140	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=50431
Veterans	Kentucky National Guard Day	June 24th each year.	Legislation	2000	HB 780	KRS Chapter 2.155	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=56
Veterans	Military Burial Honors	Establishes a burial honor guard program for veteran's funerals.	Legislation	2000	HB 278	KRS Chapter 40.360	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=21858

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Veterans	Kentucky Homeless Veterans Program -- Homeless Veterans Service Coordinating Committee	Established the Kentucky Homeless Veterans Program within KDVA. Statewide network of services that provide treatment for addictions, including but not limited to alcohol, drug use, and gambling; services that lead to permanent housing services that lead to employment; and concerned citizens and nonprofit agencies that provide shelter.	Legislation	2000	HB 295	KRS Chapter 40.340	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=21853
Veterans	State Veteran Cemeteries	Requires the KY Department of Veterans Affairs to establish and maintain state veteran cemeteries.	Legislation	1998	SB 22	KRS Chapter 40.315	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=56650
Veterans	Department of Veterans' Affairs attached to Office of Governor	KDVA established as an independent state organization, along with the Governor's Advisory Board on Veterans Affairs.	Legislation	1996		KRS Chapter 40.300	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=51205
Veterans	Flag Next to Newspaper Obituary	Permits newspapers to publish picture of US flag next to the obituary of a deceased active member or honorably discharged veteran of US military.	Legislation	1990	HB 270	KRS Chapter 2.050	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=15
Veterans	Purple Heart License Plate	Requires the design of the Purple Heart license plate to include a picture of the Purple Heart medal and the words "Combat Wounded".	Legislation	1988	SB 14	KRS Chapter 186.166	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/chapter.aspx?id=38025

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Veterans	Kentucky Military History Museum	Establishes the Kentucky Military History Museum located in Frankfort, KY; and its board serving as a repository of objects relating to the state military history and maintained by the Kentucky Historical Society.	Legislation	1980		KRS Chapter 171.345	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=48838
Veterans	Gold Star Family License Plates	Authorizes Gold Star License Plates for Family, Father, Mother, Sister, Brother, Spouse, Sons, Daughters	Legislation			KRS Chapter 186.164	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=51166
Veterans	Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, or Air Force Cross Plate	Authorizes Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, or Air Force Cross specialty plates.	Legislation			KRS Chapter 186.041	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54974
Veterans	"I Support Veterans" License Plate	Authorizes "I Support Veterans" License Plate.	Legislation			KRS 186.166	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/chapter.aspx?id=38025
Veterans	Marine Corps League License Plate	Authorizes Marine Corps League License Plate for association members.	Legislation			KRS Chapter 186.041	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54974
Veterans	Prisoner of War License Plate	Authorizes Prisoner of War License Plate for certified POWs.	Legislation			KRS Chapter 186.041	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54974

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Veterans	US Army Reserve License Plate	Authorized for actively serving and retired personnel.	Legislation			KRS Chapter 186.041	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54974
Veterans	Pearl Harbor Survivor License Plate	Authorized for Pearl Harbor Survivors.	Legislation			KRS Chapter 186.041	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=54974
Veterans	Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients' Protection Detail and Plaque	Creation of plaque honoring KY Congressional Medal	Legislation	2011	HB 200	KRS Chapter 42.435	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=39618