

1 AN ACT relating to public protests.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 525 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) A person is guilty of disruption of a public protest if, while engaging in a public*
6 *protest, demonstration, or march, he or she, while within five hundred (500) feet*
7 *of the protest site:*

8 *(a) Conceals his or her identity by wearing a mask, hood, helmet, or other*
9 *facade that hides, conceals, or covers any portion of his or her face; or*

10 *(b) Possesses, carries, or is outfitted with any protective gear, including shields*
11 *and armor, or with any deadly weapon or dangerous instrument.*

12 *(2) Disruption of a public protest is a Class A misdemeanor.*

13 *(3) This section shall not apply to first responders or military personnel acting in an*
14 *official capacity.*

15 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 525 IS CREATED TO
16 READ AS FOLLOWS:

17 *(1) A person is guilty of obstruction of traffic if he or she obstructs or interferes with*
18 *the regular flow of vehicular traffic on a public road, street, or highway during a*
19 *public protest, demonstration, or march for which a permit has not been granted.*

20 *Obstruction of traffic is a Class A misdemeanor.*

21 *(2) A motor vehicle operator may not be held criminally or civilly liable for causing*
22 *injury or death to a person who is obstructing or interfering with the regular flow*
23 *of traffic on a public street, road, or highway during a public protest,*
24 *demonstration, or march for which a permit has not been granted, unless the*
25 *infliction of the injury or death was intentional.*

26 ➔SECTION 3. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 522 IS CREATED TO
27 READ AS FOLLOWS:

1 *If a person, including a public servant prohibits or prevents a peace officer from*
2 *exercising official duties during a public protest, demonstration, or march and that*
3 *public protest, demonstration, or march results in physical injury or destruction of*
4 *property, the person shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.*