

2012 General Assembly

New Bills of Interest

February 13-17

Here are selected new bills filed in the General Assembly last week. The list is organized by topic. Highlights include:

- [HB 396](#) Vacant properties: allow foreclosure sale within 60 days after finding of vacancy
- [HB 414](#) UI: prohibit disqualification of worker who leaves job to follow military spouse
- [SB 149](#) Workers comp: allow attorney's fees in medical fee disputes

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www.lrc.ky.gov.

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Topic	Bill #	Sponsor	Summary
Budget	SB 151	Thayer	Casinos: amend Constitution to authorize casinos at five horse racing tracks and two other locations at least sixty miles from a track
Civil Rights	SB 158	Higdon	Constitutional amendment: bar burdening a person's right to act or refuse to act in manner motivated by a sincerely held religious belief; exception
Comm Dev	HB 400	L. Clark	Expand eligibility for jobs retention projects by adding to eligible industry codes; more
Consumer	HB 401	Stumbo	Kentucky False Claims act: create civil liability and penalties for committing fraud against state; allow AG or private citizens to sue; Medicaid provisions
Consumer	HB 417	Greer	Motor vehicle liens: deem retail installment contract that satisfies TILA in compliance regardless of whether TILA applies to subject sale; more
Corrections	SB 159	Blevins	Constitutional amendment: create a Kentucky Pardon Board
Education	HB 395	Rollins	Clarify definition of "persistently low-achieving school"; define "at-risk school"; change district audit process; add "comprehensive turnaround option"

Education	HB 410	Wuchner	Require Board of Ed to publish regs for an alternative high school diploma for students with disabilities completing a modified curriculum
Employment	HB 414	J. Lee	Prohibit disqualification of worker who leaves job to follow military spouse who has been reassigned; 100 mile threshold
Employment	SB 149	Buford	Workers' comp: recognize temporary partial disability benefits; allow attorney's fees for medical fee disputes decided in favor of claimant; more
Employment	SB 156	Harper Angel	Provide collective bargaining for police officers and firefighters in a second class city; provide for election through 30% card check certification; more
Environment	HB 404	Jenkins	Coal Combustion Residual: require disposal of CCRs as solid waste or in impoundments permitted by the Energy and Environment cabinet; details
Government	SB 157	Bowen	Admin reg housekeeping: require LRC to maintain the official version of the administrative regulations in an electronic database; more
Health	HB 416	Marzian	Health facility acquired infections: require each facility to implement infection prevention program; require use of approved data collection methods
Health	HCR 148	Koenig	Urge President Obama and Secretary Sebelius to reverse the final rule on preventative health services issued on January 20, 2012
Health	SB 153	Denton	Allow Bd of Nursing to request KASPER reports on number of prescriptions written by advanced practice registered nurse for a controlled substance; more
Housing	HB 396	Tilley	Expedited sale: allow property to be sold in foreclosure within 60 days after finding that it is vacant or abandoned for 45 days; details
Housing	HB 397	Edmonds	Manufactured homes: exempt from sales tax the retail sale of a pre-owned home or 50% of the gross receipts from the sale of new home
Housing	HB 398	Thompson	Allow PVAs to use a variety of identified valuation methods to determine fair cash value; set standards for appraisals of tract and subdivision developments
Housing	HB 415	Nelson	Property valuation: provide for reassessment of property if a catastrophic event occurs
Housing	HB 418	Ford	Require notice of meth contamination to be filed by county attorney with county clerk for attachment to deed of property; require notice of decontamination
Housing	HB 421	Riggs	Provide for a home owner's right to cancel contract for repair of roof upon a determination that damage is not covered under applicable insurance; more
Immigration	HCR 147	McKee	Urge reform of federal H-2A program to make it

			more efficient, reliable, economical, and user-friendly in serving its intended purposes
Utilities	HB 399	Thompson	Require PSC to set interest rates paid by utilities annually; change rate on security deposits from 6% to an average of treasury rates in 3 months each year
Utilities	SB 150	Buford	Grant sewer bodies the power to suspend water services for failure to pay sewer charges; details