

1 AN ACT relating to the forensic processing of firearms.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 15 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) When a law enforcement agency seizes or recovers a firearm that was unlawfully*
6 *possessed, used for any unlawful purpose, recovered from the scene of a crime, is*
7 *reasonably believed to have been used or associated with the commission of a*
8 *crime, or is acquired by the agency as an abandoned or discarded firearm, the*
9 *agency shall:*

10 *(a) Transmit to and receive from the National Crime Information Center*
11 *system information relating to that firearm;*

12 *(b) Transmit to and receive from the United States Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms*
13 *and Explosives eTrace system information relating to that firearm; and*

14 *(c) Arrange for every such firearm to be test-fired as soon as practicable and*
15 *the results of that test-firing be submitted to the National Integrated*
16 *Ballistic Identification Network to determine whether the firearm is*
17 *associated with or related to a crime, criminal conduct, any individual*
18 *associated with or related to a crime or criminal conduct, or reasonably*
19 *believed to be associated or related to a crime or criminal conduct.*

20 *(2) When a law enforcement agency recovers any spent shell casing at a crime scene*
21 *or has reason to believe that the recovered spent shell casing is related to or*
22 *associated with the commission of a crime or the unlawful discharge of a firearm,*
23 *the agency shall, as soon as practicable, submit the ballistics information to the*
24 *National Integrated Ballistic Identification Network.*

25 *(3) Local law enforcement agencies shall develop policies and procedures, approved*
26 *by the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, for the recovery and forensic processing*
27 *of firearms and firearm-related evidence where a firearm was unlawfully*

1 *possessed, used for any unlawful purpose, recovered from the scene of a crime, or*
2 *reasonably believed to have been used or associated with the commission of a*
3 *crime.*