



**ANDY BESHEAR**  
**GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**Secretary of State**  
**Frankfort**  
**Kentucky**

**2020-285**  
**April 20, 2020**

**STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATING TO**  
**THE PROHIBITION AGAINST PRICE GOUGING**

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease causing illness that can range from very mild to severe, including illness resulting in death, and many cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in the Commonwealth.

The Kentucky Constitution and Kentucky Revised Statutes, including KRS Chapter 39A, empower me to exercise all powers necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population, including the power to suspend state statutes and regulations, and to command individuals to disperse from the scene of an emergency. Under those powers, I declared by Executive Order 2020-215 on March 6, 2020, that a State of Emergency exists in the Commonwealth. On March 7, 2020, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Kentucky Constitution and KRS Chapter 367 of the Kentucky, I declared by Executive Order 2020-216 that a State of Emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and implemented the provisions of KRS 367.372, *et seq.*, as to the sale of goods and services, to prohibit price gouging. On March 20, 2020, and April 6, 2020, I declared by Executive Orders 2020-245 and 2020-268, respectively, that the State of Emergency continued in the Commonwealth and, pursuant to the same authority, renewed implementation of the provisions of KRS 367.372, *et seq.*, as to the sale of goods and services, to prohibit price gouging. The State of Emergency continues in the Commonwealth.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Kentucky Constitution and KRS Chapter 367, do hereby implement the provisions of KRS 367.372, *et seq.*, as to the sale of goods and services, and do hereby Order and Direct that:**



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1. No person, within the meaning of KRS 446.010, shall sell or offer to sell any good or service delineated in KRS 367.374(1)(b) at a price grossly in excess of the price prior to the declaration by Executive Order 2020-215 on March 6, 2020, that a Statewide State of Emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
2. The foregoing is subject to the qualifications and limitations set forth otherwise in KRS 367.372, *et seq.*, with regard to increased cost to sellers *inter alia*.
3. Any person who violates the provisions of KRS 367.372, *et seq.*, as implemented by this Order, shall be subject to the penalties set forth in KRS 367.378 or other applicable law.
4. The Division of Emergency Management shall immediately notify the public and those registered with the Division for the purpose of receiving notice of the implementation, renewal, or termination of the provision of this Order relating to KRS 367.374. The Division shall notify the public by any means available, including the Division's Web site, news media, and electronic mail. Any person or trade association may register with the Division for the purpose of receiving notification.

This Order shall be effective upon the expiration of Executive Order 2020-268 April 22, 2020. This Order shall be in effect for the duration of the State of Emergency herein referenced, but shall expire after 15 days and shall be subject to renewal thereafter, subject to applicable law, if necessary to protect the lives, property, or welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

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ANDY BESHEAR, Governor  
Commonwealth of Kentucky

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MICHAEL G. ADAMS  
Secretary of State

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