



ANDY BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Secretary of State
Frankfort
Kentucky

2026-235
May 5, 2026

Pending sign off by the Attorney General, I am reducing the gas tax in KRS 138.220(1)(a) by 10 cents (\$0.10) per gallon, effective May 11, 2026, which should save Kentuckians nearly \$27 million over a month. This reduction shall apply to the State gas tax and the State tax on diesel fuel and other special fuels. I am also implementing the price gouging statutes to enforce the gas tax reduction so providers do not simply keep the 10 cents per gallon for themselves.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of Kentucky and KRS Chapters 39A and 367, do hereby **DECLARE** a State of Emergency relating to gas prices in the Commonwealth and **ORDER** and **DIRECT** the following:

1. Pursuant to KRS 39A.180(2)(b), KRS 138.220(1)(a) and (4) shall be suspended, and the State tax on all gasoline, diesel fuel and other special fuels shall be reduced by 10 cents (\$0.10) for the duration of the State of Emergency and any extensions of the State of Emergency. This part shall take effect on May 11, 2026, if the Attorney General signs off on this suspension of statutes to help save Kentuckians about \$27 million per month at the pump.
2. Pursuant to KRS Chapters 367 and 39A, I hereby implement the provisions of KRS 367.372, *et seq.* as to the sale of goods and services, specifically gasoline or other motor fuels, as follows:
 - a. No person, within the meaning of KRS 446.010, shall sell or offer to sell gasoline or other motor fuels, *see* KRS 367.374(1)(b)1, at a price grossly in excess of the price prior to the declaration of this State of Emergency;
 - b. The foregoing is subject to the qualifications and limitations set forth otherwise in KRS 367.372, *et seq.*, with regard to increased costs to sellers *inter alia*;
 - c. 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; and
 - d. 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 provisions of this Order relating to KRS 367.374. The Division shall notify the public by any means available, including the Division's website, 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 May 11, 2026.



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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andy Beshear".

ANDY BESHEAR, Governor
Commonwealth of Kentucky

MICHAEL G. ADAMS
Secretary of State