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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 904 OF THE 2026 REGULAR SESSION

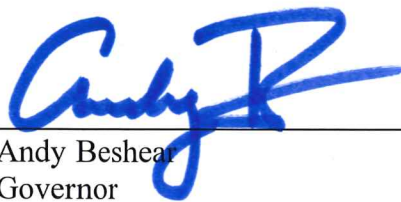
I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under section 88 of the Kentucky Constitution, do hereby veto the following:

House Bill 904 of the 2026 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

I am vetoing House Bill 904 because it would authorize two Executive Branch agencies, the Kentucky Lottery Corporation and Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation, to file emergency and ordinary administrative regulations without the Governor's review and signature. Under the Kentucky Constitution, the Governor is the Chief Magistrate of the Executive Branch and has a duty to ensure all laws are faithfully executed, including by agencies carrying out the law through regulation. In that role, the Governor reviews proposed emergency regulations to ensure they are necessary and meet legal requirements for emergency filing. Authorizing an agency to file an emergency regulation in this manner would prevent the Governor from carrying out his constitutional duties and allow boards and agencies to impose rules on Kentuckians without executive oversight, including boards whose decisions impact public safety.

For these reasons, I am vetoing House Bill 904.

This, the 15th day of April, 2026.



Andy Beshear
Governor