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**VETO MESSAGE FROM THE**  
**GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**  
**REGARDING HOUSE BILL 225 OF THE**  
**2016 REGULAR SESSION**

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*I, Matthew G. Bevin, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under section 88 of the Kentucky State Constitution, do hereby veto the following:*

House Bill 225 of the 2016 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

*As a military veteran, I am keenly aware of the value associated with various skills and training acquired by military personnel as part of their service.*

*Kentucky needs to facilitate the transfer of such skills and training into the civilian sector to the absolute degree possible.*

*This will require thoughtful collaboration between the various military branches, their respective personnel departments and equivalent employees and legislators for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.*

*HB 225 is well intentioned, but poorly written. For example, by first stating in subsection two (2), that certain things "shall" be done, and then immediately noting in subsection three (3) the ways by which an "administrative body" can determine that "shall" does not actually mean "shall".*

*The net result of the loosely written, ambiguous language in this bill will undoubtedly be confusion and frequent disagreement with the determination of the "administrative body".*

*This bill would require any confusion resulting from its passage, to be sorted out in a court of law. For the Commonwealth to legislatively encourage such lawsuits, which are already the right of all parties concerned, is a bad idea.*

*Although we ultimately may need a bill to address the assimilation of highly skilled and trained military personnel into the civilian sector, it is clear that House Bill 225 is not the proper solution.*

This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016

Matthew G. Bevin  
Governor