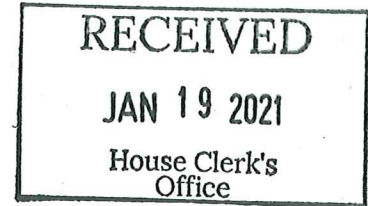




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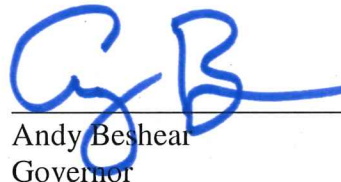
**VETO MESSAGE FROM THE**  
**GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**  
**REGARDING HOUSE BILL 2 OF THE**  
**2021 REGULAR SESSION**

*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 2 of the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

*I am vetoing House Bill 2 because the Office of the Attorney General does not have the expertise or the necessary structure to directly regulate medical procedures or health care providers. The regulation of legal medical procedures is currently being performed by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, which has extensive experience across all fields of the medical profession. Given the divergent views on this legal medical procedure, it is also critical to have an impartial regulator.*

This the 19th day of January, 2021.

  
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Andy Beshear  
Governor