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**VETO MESSAGE FROM THE  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
REGARDING SENATE BILL 65 OF THE 2022 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:*

Senate Bill 65 of the 2022 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

*I am vetoing Senate Bill 65 because injured workers need to receive reasonable and necessary treatment sooner – not later.*

*Senate Bill 65 nullifies a regulation that would speed-up that process, while reducing costs for the worker, the employer, the insurer, and Kentucky taxpayers. The regulation would reduce the time and expense of the current process by allowing a medically trained physician in the Department for Workers Claims – rather than an insurance company doctor – to render a decision as to whether an injured employee’s course of treatment is reasonable and necessary. Either party could appeal that decision to an Administrative Law Judge.*

*This would benefit injured workers by getting them their medical treatment sooner; it would benefit the employer by reducing the time an injured worker is off the job; and it benefits insurers by reducing medical review and litigation costs.*

*I am also vetoing Senate Bill 65 because Kentucky teachers should be paid when they have to quarantine due to COVID-19 exposure through no fault of their own. Senate Bill 65 nullifies a regulation that allows local school boards the flexibility to provide paid leave for employees who are forced to quarantine due to exposure and who cannot perform their job duties remotely.*

*For these reasons, I am vetoing Senate Bill 65.*

This, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

Andy Beshear  
Governor