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**VETO MESSAGE FROM THE**  
**GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**  
**REGARDING SENATE BILL 199 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:*

Senate Bill 199 of the 2026 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

*Passed with significant bipartisan opposition, Senate Bill 199 tries to shield makers of dangerous pesticides from being held accountable for the harm their products cause Kentuckians. In a state that consistently has the highest rate of cancer diagnoses and deaths in the nation, the General Assembly now tries to slam the door shut on citizens' access to courts to seek damages from the makers of these pesticides if the product simply has the warning label approved by the federal Environmental Protection Agency. These labels do not warn consumers of the risks of using these pesticides, such as possible chronic disease risks like leukemia, non-Hodgkin lymphoma, or other cancers and chronic diseases. They are not enough to allow corporations to escape legitimate lawsuits over their failure to warn.*

*As Attorney General, I enforced Kentucky's consumer protection laws to protect our citizens from harmful products. Senate Bill 199 not only fails to protect Kentuckians, it also prevents justice for the harm they suffer. And it leaves it up to the federal government to approve warning labels in products on shelves in the Commonwealth – the same federal government that approved misleading labels for opioids that destroyed Kentuckians' lives.*

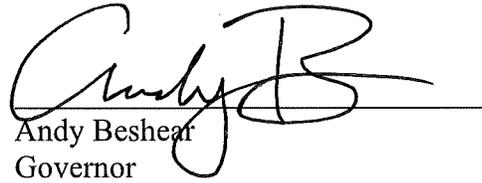
*Food products on our grocery store shelves show nutrition information and ingredients to inform and protect consumers. Packaging for products like cosmetics, toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner, soap, body wash, face wash, laundry detergent and dishwasher detergent have labels warning of their potential risks and showing their ingredients. Household cleaners show consumers their ingredients and have warning labels about the possible risks of using them. Tobacco products predominantly warn of the harms from consuming them. Yet Senate Bill 199 would allow dangerous pesticides to be sold without having labels warning of the risks of using them. It flies in the face of making America healthy.*

*Limiting the bill to only agriculture use products still puts many Kentuckians' health at risk when using products for gardening, lawn care and other household tasks.*

*If passed, Senate Bill 199 would make Kentucky only the third state in America with such a law, as similar legislation in at least a dozen other states failed to pass in the past three years. Senate Bill 199 is dangerous for Kentuckians.*

*For these reasons, I am vetoing Senate Bill 199.*

This, the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2026.

  
Andy Beshear  
Governor