

1 AN ACT relating to the human rights of unborn children to not be discriminated  
2 against and declaring an emergency.

3 WHEREAS, the purpose of this Act is to protect the rights of unborn children by  
4 prohibiting physicians and other medical professionals from performing abortive  
5 procedures for discriminatory purposes; and

6 WHEREAS, state, federal, and international law supports the rights of all people to  
7 dignity, equality, and freedom from discrimination based on sex, race, color, national  
8 origin, or disability; and

9 WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence recognizes the fundamental truth that  
10 all people have been endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among  
11 these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

12 WHEREAS, the Constitution of this Commonwealth guarantees that all people  
13 have the right of seeking and pursuing their safety and happiness; and

14 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky statutorily recognizes an unborn child  
15 as a human being from conception onward, without regard to age, health, or condition of  
16 dependency; and

17 WHEREAS, the Kentucky General Assembly has already enacted a statute that  
18 reads "currently, in the Commonwealth, there is inadequate legislation to protect the life,  
19 health, and welfare of pregnant women and unborn human life"; and

20 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky statutorily bans discrimination  
21 against individuals based on sex, race, color, national origin, or disability; and

22 WHEREAS, these statutory acknowledgments of the unborn child's humanity and  
23 the rights of persons, regardless of sex, race, color, national origin, or disability, to live  
24 unencumbered by discrimination compel a recognition of the imperative to prevent the  
25 ending of an unborn child's life for discriminatory purposes; and

26 WHEREAS, this Act establishes a reasonable accommodation for unborn children  
27 through the prohibition of discriminatory abortive procedures so that they may enjoy the

1 right to life, dignity, and equality regardless of sex, race, color, national origin, or  
2 disability; and

3 WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States of America has recognized  
4 that states have a legitimate interest in protecting the life of the unborn; and

5 WHEREAS, recognizing the human rights of an unborn child does not contravene  
6 prior Supreme Court jurisprudence nor undermine a woman's right to self-determination  
7 or bodily autonomy, but instead upholds the state's legitimate interest in protecting the  
8 lives of unborn human beings and the rights of persons regardless of sex, race, color,  
9 national origin, or disability; and

10 WHEREAS, the right to bodily autonomy and self-determination is separate and  
11 distinct from the termination of a pregnancy based on the unborn child's sex, race, color,  
12 national origin, or disability; and

13 WHEREAS, moral and philosophical concepts of dignity hold that all human beings  
14 are entitled to receive ethical and humane treatment and are to be respected and valued in  
15 all phases of life, regardless of sex, race, color, national origin, or disability; and

16 WHEREAS, certain abortive medical procedures are unfairly discriminatory against  
17 unborn children because of their sex, race, color, national origin, or disability is in  
18 contravention of their unalienable rights; and

19 WHEREAS, children born, regardless of their sex, race, color, national origin, or  
20 disability, can live full and healthy lives and become upstanding and valuable members of  
21 communities within the Commonwealth;

22 NOW, THEREFORE,

23 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

24 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 311.710 TO 311.820 IS CREATED  
25 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

26 **(1) As used in this section:**

27 **(a) "Abortion facility" has the same meaning as in KRS 216B.015;**

1 (b) "Any other disability" means any disease, defect, or disorder, whether or  
2 not genetically inherited. The term includes but is not limited to the  
3 following:

- 4 1. A physical disability;  
5 2. A mental or intellectual disability;  
6 3. A physical disfigurement;  
7 4. Scoliosis;  
8 5. Dwarfism;  
9 6. Albinism;  
10 7. Amelia; or  
11 8. A physical or mental disease.

12 However, the term does not include a lethal fetal anomaly;

13 (c) "Corporation" has the same meaning as in KRS 271B.1-400;

14 (d) "Down syndrome" means a chromosome disorder associated either with an  
15 extra chromosome twenty-one (21), in whole or in part, or an effective  
16 trisomy for chromosome twenty-one (21);

17 (e) "Human being" has the same meaning as in KRS 311.720;

18 (f) "Medical emergency" has the same meaning as in KRS 311.720;

19 (g) "Person" includes any human being and any corporation;

20 (h) "Physician" has the same meaning as in KRS 311.720; and

21 (i) "Unborn child" has the same meaning as in KRS 311.781.

22 (2) No person shall intentionally perform or induce or attempt to perform or induce  
23 an abortion on a pregnant woman if the person has knowledge that the pregnant  
24 woman is seeking the abortion, in whole or in part, because of any of the  
25 following:

26 (a) The sex of the unborn child;

27 (b) The race, color, or national origin of the unborn child; or

- 1        (c) The diagnosis, or potential diagnosis, of Down syndrome or any other  
2                disability;  
3        except in the case of a medical emergency.
- 4        (3) In the report required under Section 6 of this Act, the attending physician shall  
5                certify in writing whether the attending physician had knowledge that the  
6                pregnant woman was seeking the abortion, in whole or in part, because of any of  
7                the following:
- 8                (a) The sex of the unborn child;  
9                (b) The race, color, or national origin of the unborn child; or  
10                (c) The diagnosis, or potential diagnosis, of Down syndrome or any other  
11                disability.
- 12        (4) The State Board of Medical Licensure shall revoke a physician's license to  
13                practice medicine in this state if the physician violates subsection (2) of this  
14                section.
- 15        (5) The Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall revoke the license of any  
16                person, including a licensed abortion facility, who violates subsection (2) of this  
17                section.
- 18        (6) Any physician or other person who violates subsection (2) of this section is liable  
19                in a civil action for compensatory and punitive damages and reasonable  
20                attorney's fees to any person, including an unborn child, or the representative of  
21                the estate of any person, including an unborn child, who sustains injury, death,  
22                or loss to person or property as the result of the performance or inducement or  
23                the attempted performance or inducement of the abortion. In any action under  
24                this subsection, the court also may award any injunctive or other equitable relief  
25                that the court considers appropriate.
- 26        (7) A pregnant woman on whom an abortion is performed or induced or attempted to  
27                be performed or induced in violation of subsection (2) of this section is not guilty

1 of violating subsection (2) of this section or of attempting to commit, conspiring  
2 to commit, or complicity in committing a violation of subsection (2) of this  
3 section.

4 (8) If any provision of this section is held invalid, or if the application of any  
5 provision of this section to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
6 invalidity of that provision does not affect any other provisions or applications of  
7 this section or KRS 311.710 to 311.820 that can be given effect without the  
8 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this section and  
9 KRS 311.710 to 311.820 are severable. In particular, it is the intent of the  
10 General Assembly that any invalidity or potential invalidity of a provision of this  
11 section is not to impair the immediate and continuing enforceability of any other  
12 provisions of this section and KRS 311.710 to 311.820. It is furthermore the  
13 intent of the General Assembly that the provisions of this section are not to have  
14 the effect of repealing or limiting any other laws of this state.

15 ➔Section 2. KRS 311.595 is amended to read as follows:

16 If the power has not been transferred by statute to some other board, commission, or  
17 agency of this state, the board may deny an application or reregistration for a license;  
18 place a licensee on probation for a period not to exceed five (5) years; suspend a license  
19 for a period not to exceed five (5) years; limit or restrict a license for an indefinite period;  
20 or revoke any license heretofore or hereafter issued by the board, upon proof that the  
21 licensee has:

- 22 (1) Knowingly made or presented, or caused to be made or presented, any false,  
23 fraudulent, or forged statement, writing, certificate, diploma, or other thing, in  
24 connection with an application for a license or permit;
- 25 (2) Practiced, or aided or abetted in the practice of fraud, forgery, deception, collusion,  
26 or conspiracy in connection with an examination for a license;
- 27 (3) Committed, procured, or aided in the procurement of an unlawful abortion,

- 1 including a partial-birth abortion *or an abortion in violation of Section 1 of this*  
2 *Act*;
- 3 (4) Entered a guilty or nolo contendere plea, or been convicted, by any court within or  
4 without the Commonwealth of Kentucky of a crime as defined in KRS 335B.010, if  
5 in accordance with KRS Chapter 335B;
- 6 (5) Been convicted of a misdemeanor offense under KRS Chapter 510 involving a  
7 patient, or a felony offense under KRS Chapter 510, 530.064(1)(a), or 531.310, or  
8 been found by the board to have had sexual contact as defined in KRS 510.010(7)  
9 with a patient while the patient was under the care of the physician;
- 10 (6) Become addicted to a controlled substance;
- 11 (7) Become a chronic or persistent alcoholic;
- 12 (8) Been unable or is unable to practice medicine according to acceptable and  
13 prevailing standards of care by reason of mental or physical illness or other  
14 condition including but not limited to physical deterioration that adversely affects  
15 cognitive, motor, or perceptive skills, or by reason of an extended absence from the  
16 active practice of medicine;
- 17 (9) Engaged in dishonorable, unethical, or unprofessional conduct of a character likely  
18 to deceive, defraud, or harm the public or any member thereof;
- 19 (10) Knowingly made, or caused to be made, or aided or abetted in the making of, a false  
20 statement in any document executed in connection with the practice of his  
21 profession;
- 22 (11) Employed, as a practitioner of medicine or osteopathy in the practice of his  
23 profession in this state, any person not duly licensed or otherwise aided, assisted, or  
24 abetted the unlawful practice of medicine or osteopathy or any other healing art;
- 25 (12) Violated or attempted to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisted in or abetted the  
26 violation of, or conspired to violate any provision or term of any medical practice  
27 act, including but not limited to the code of conduct promulgated by the board under

- 1           KRS 311.601 or any other valid regulation of the board;
- 2   (13) Violated any agreed order, letter of agreement, final order, or emergency order  
3       issued by the board;
- 4   (14) Engaged in or attempted to engage in the practice of medicine or osteopathy under a  
5       false or assumed name, or impersonated another practitioner of a like, similar, or  
6       different name;
- 7   (15) Obtained a fee or other thing of value on the fraudulent representation that a  
8       manifestly incurable condition could be cured;
- 9   (16) Willfully violated a confidential communication;
- 10   (17) Had his license to practice medicine or osteopathy in any other state, territory, or  
11       foreign nation revoked, suspended, restricted, or limited or has been subjected to  
12       other disciplinary action by the licensing authority thereof. This subsection shall not  
13       require relitigation of the disciplinary action;
- 14   (18) Failed or refused, without legal justification, to practice medicine in a rural area of  
15       this state in violation of a valid medical scholarship loan contract with the trustees  
16       of the rural Kentucky medical scholarship fund;
- 17   (19) Given or received, directly or indirectly, from any person, firm, or corporation, any  
18       fee, commission, rebate, or other form of compensation for sending, referring, or  
19       otherwise inducing a person to communicate with a person licensed under KRS  
20       311.530 to 311.620 in his professional capacity or for any professional services not  
21       actually and personally rendered; provided, however, that nothing contained in this  
22       subsection shall prohibit persons holding valid and current licenses under KRS  
23       311.530 to 311.620 from practicing medicine in partnership or association or in a  
24       professional service corporation authorized by KRS Chapter 274, as now or  
25       hereinafter amended, or from pooling, sharing, dividing, or apportioning the fees  
26       and moneys received by them or by the partnership, corporation, or association in  
27       accordance with the partnership agreement or the policies of the board of directors

1 of the corporation or association. Nothing contained in this subsection shall  
2 abrogate the right of two (2) or more persons holding valid and current licenses  
3 under KRS 311.530 to 311.620 to receive adequate compensation for concurrently  
4 rendering professional care to a single patient and divide a fee, if the patient has full  
5 knowledge of this division and if the division is made in proportion to the services  
6 performed and responsibility assumed by each;

7 (20) Been removed, suspended, expelled, or disciplined by any professional medical  
8 association or society when the action was based upon what the association or  
9 society found to be unprofessional conduct, professional incompetence, malpractice,  
10 or a violation of any provision of KRS Chapter 311. This subsection shall not  
11 require relitigation of the disciplinary action;

12 (21) Been disciplined by a licensed hospital or medical staff of the hospital, including  
13 removal, suspension, limitation of hospital privileges, failing to renew privileges for  
14 cause, resignation of privileges under pressure or investigation, or other disciplinary  
15 action if the action was based upon what the hospital or medical staff found to be  
16 unprofessional conduct, professional incompetence, malpractice, or a violation of  
17 any provisions of KRS Chapter 311. This subsection shall not require relitigation of  
18 the disciplinary action; or

19 (22) Failed to comply with the requirements of KRS 213.101, 311.782, or 311.783 or  
20 failed to submit to the Vital Statistics Branch in accordance with a court order a  
21 complete report as described in KRS 213.101.

22 ➔Section 3. KRS 311.725 is amended to read as follows:

23 (1) No abortion shall be performed or induced except with the voluntary and informed  
24 written consent of the woman upon whom the abortion is to be performed or  
25 induced. Except in the case of a medical emergency, consent to an abortion is  
26 voluntary and informed if and only if:

27 (a) At least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the abortion, a physician, licensed



1 nurse, physician assistant, or social worker to whom the responsibility has  
2 been delegated by the physician has verbally informed the woman of all of the  
3 following:

- 4 1. The nature and purpose of the particular abortion procedure or treatment  
5 to be performed and of those medical risks and alternatives to the  
6 procedure or treatment that a reasonable patient would consider material  
7 to the decision of whether or not to undergo the abortion;
- 8 2. The probable gestational age of the embryo or fetus at the time the  
9 abortion is to be performed; and
- 10 3. The medical risks associated with the pregnant woman carrying her  
11 pregnancy to term;

12 (b) At least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the abortion, in an individual, private  
13 setting, a physician, licensed nurse, physician assistant, or social worker to  
14 whom the responsibility has been delegated by the physician has informed the  
15 pregnant woman that:

- 16 1. The cabinet publishes the printed materials described in paragraphs (a)  
17 and (b) of subsection (2) of this section and that she has a right to review  
18 the printed materials and that copies will be provided to her by the  
19 physician, licensed nurse, physician assistant, or social worker free of  
20 charge if she chooses to review the printed materials;
- 21 2. Medical assistance benefits may be available for prenatal care,  
22 childbirth, and neonatal care, and that more detailed information on the  
23 availability of such assistance is contained in the printed materials  
24 published by the cabinet;~~and~~
- 25 3. The father of the fetus is liable to assist in the support of her child, even  
26 in instances where he has offered to pay for the abortion; ***and***

27 **4. It is illegal in Kentucky to intentionally perform an abortion, in whole**

1 *or in part, because of:*

2 *a. The sex of the unborn child;*

3 *b. The race, color, or national origin of the unborn child; or*

4 *c. The diagnosis, or potential diagnosis, of Down syndrome or any*  
5 *other disability;*

6 (c) At least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the abortion, a copy of the printed  
7 materials has been provided to the pregnant woman if she chooses to view  
8 these materials;

9 (d) The pregnant woman certifies in writing, prior to the performance or  
10 inducement of the abortion:

11 1. That she has received the information required to be provided under  
12 paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this subsection; and

13 2. That she consents to the particular abortion voluntarily and knowingly,  
14 and she is not under the influence of any drug of abuse or alcohol; and

15 (e) Prior to the performance or inducement of the abortion, the physician who is  
16 scheduled to perform or induce the abortion or the physician's agent receives a  
17 copy of the pregnant woman's signed statement, on a form which may be  
18 provided by the physician, on which she consents to the abortion and that  
19 includes the certification required by paragraph (d) of this subsection.

20 (2) By January 1, 1999, the cabinet shall cause to be published in English in a typeface  
21 not less than 12 point type the following materials:

22 (a) Materials that inform the pregnant woman about public and private agencies  
23 and services that are available to assist her through her pregnancy, upon  
24 childbirth, and while her child is dependent, including, but not limited to,  
25 adoption agencies. The materials shall include a comprehensive list of the  
26 available agencies and a description of the services offered by the agencies  
27 and the telephone numbers and addresses of the agencies, and inform the

1 pregnant woman about available medical assistance benefits for prenatal care,  
2 childbirth, and neonatal care and about the support obligations of the father of  
3 a child who is born alive. The cabinet shall ensure that the materials are  
4 comprehensive and do not directly or indirectly promote, exclude, or  
5 discourage the use of any agency or service described in this section; and

6 (b) Materials that inform the pregnant woman of the probable anatomical and  
7 physiological characteristics of the zygote, blastocyte, embryo, or fetus at two  
8 (2) week gestational increments for the first sixteen (16) weeks of her  
9 pregnancy and at four (4) week gestational increments from the seventeenth  
10 week of her pregnancy to full term, including any relevant information  
11 regarding the time at which the fetus possibly would be viable. The materials  
12 shall use language that is understandable by the average person who is not  
13 medically trained, shall be objective and nonjudgmental, and shall include  
14 only accurate scientific information about the zygote, blastocyte, embryo, or  
15 fetus at the various gestational increments. The materials shall include, for  
16 each of the two (2) of four (4) week increments specified in this paragraph, a  
17 pictorial or photographic depiction of the zygote, blastocyte, embryo, or fetus.  
18 The materials shall also include, in a conspicuous manner, a scale or other  
19 explanation that is understandable by the average person and that can be used  
20 to determine the actual size of the zygote, blastocyte, embryo, or fetus at a  
21 particular gestational increment as contrasted with the depicted size of the  
22 zygote, blastocyte, embryo, or fetus at that gestational increment.

23 (3) Upon submission of a request to the cabinet by any person, hospital, physician, or  
24 medical facility for one (1) or more copies of the materials published in accordance  
25 with subsection (2) of this section, the cabinet shall make the requested number of  
26 copies of the materials available to the person, hospital, physician, or medical  
27 facility that requested the copies.

1 (4) If a medical emergency or medical necessity compels the performance or  
2 inducement of an abortion, the physician who will perform or induce the abortion,  
3 prior to its performance or inducement if possible, shall inform the pregnant woman  
4 of the medical indications supporting the physician's judgment that an immediate  
5 abortion is necessary. Any physician who performs or induces an abortion without  
6 the prior satisfaction of the conditions specified in subsection (1) of this section  
7 because of a medical emergency or medical necessity shall enter the reasons for the  
8 conclusion that a medical emergency exists in the medical record of the pregnant  
9 woman.

10 (5) If the conditions specified in subsection (1) of this section are satisfied, consent to  
11 an abortion shall be presumed to be valid and effective.

12 (6) The failure of a physician to satisfy the conditions of subsection (1) of this section  
13 prior to performing or inducing an abortion upon a pregnant woman may be the  
14 basis of disciplinary action pursuant to KRS 311.595.

15 (7) The cabinet shall charge a fee for each copy of the materials distributed in  
16 accordance with subsections (1) and (3) of this section. The fee shall be sufficient to  
17 cover the cost of the administration of the materials published in accordance with  
18 subsection (2) of this section, including the cost of preparation and distribution of  
19 materials.

20 ➔Section 4. KRS 311.990 (Effective until July 1, 2019) is amended to read as  
21 follows:

22 (1) Any person who violates KRS 311.250 shall be guilty of a violation.

23 (2) Any college or professor thereof violating the provisions of KRS 311.300 to  
24 311.350 shall be civilly liable on his bond for a sum not less than one hundred  
25 dollars (\$100) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each violation,  
26 which may be recovered by an action in the name of the Commonwealth.

27 (3) Any person who presents to the county clerk for the purpose of registration any

- 1 license which has been fraudulently obtained, or obtains any license under KRS  
2 311.380 to 311.510 by false or fraudulent statement or representation, or practices  
3 podiatry under a false or assumed name or falsely impersonates another practitioner  
4 or former practitioner of a like or different name, or aids and abets any person in the  
5 practice of podiatry within the state without conforming to the requirements of KRS  
6 311.380 to 311.510, or otherwise violates or neglects to comply with any of the  
7 provisions of KRS 311.380 to 311.510, shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.  
8 Each case of practicing podiatry in violation of the provisions of KRS 311.380 to  
9 311.510 shall be considered a separate offense.
- 10 (4) Each violation of KRS 311.560 shall constitute a Class D felony.
- 11 (5) Each violation of KRS 311.590 shall constitute a Class D felony. Conviction under  
12 this subsection of a holder of a license or permit shall result automatically in  
13 permanent revocation of such license or permit.
- 14 (6) Conviction of willfully resisting, preventing, impeding, obstructing, threatening, or  
15 interfering with the board or any of its members, or of any officer, agent, inspector,  
16 or investigator of the board or the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, in the  
17 administration of any of the provisions of KRS 311.550 to 311.620 shall be a Class  
18 A misdemeanor.
- 19 (7) Each violation of subsection (1) of KRS 311.375 shall, for the first offense, be a  
20 Class B misdemeanor, and, for each subsequent offense shall be a Class A  
21 misdemeanor.
- 22 (8) Each violation of subsection (2) of KRS 311.375 shall, for the first offense, be a  
23 violation, and, for each subsequent offense, be a Class B misdemeanor.
- 24 (9) Each day of violation of either subsection of KRS 311.375 shall constitute a  
25 separate offense.
- 26 (10) (a) Any person who intentionally or knowingly performs an abortion contrary to  
27 the requirements of KRS 311.723(1) shall be guilty of a Class D felony; and

- 1 (b) Any person who intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly violates the  
2 requirements of KRS 311.723(2) shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.
- 3 (11) (a) 1. Any physician who performs a partial-birth abortion in violation of KRS  
4 311.765 shall be guilty of a Class D felony. However, a physician shall  
5 not be guilty of the criminal offense if the partial-birth abortion was  
6 necessary to save the life of the mother whose life was endangered by a  
7 physical disorder, illness, or injury.
- 8 2. A physician may seek a hearing before the State Board of Medical  
9 Licensure on whether the physician's conduct was necessary to save the  
10 life of the mother whose life was endangered by a physical disorder,  
11 illness, or injury. The board's findings, decided by majority vote of a  
12 quorum, shall be admissible at the trial of the physician. The board shall  
13 promulgate administrative regulations to carry out the provisions of this  
14 subparagraph.
- 15 3. Upon a motion of the physician, the court shall delay the beginning of  
16 the trial for not more than thirty (30) days to permit the hearing, referred  
17 to in subparagraph 2. of this paragraph, to occur.
- 18 (b) Any person other than a physician who performs a partial-birth abortion shall  
19 not be prosecuted under this subsection but shall be prosecuted under  
20 provisions of law which prohibit any person other than a physician from  
21 performing any abortion.
- 22 (c) No penalty shall be assessed against the woman upon whom the partial-birth  
23 abortion is performed or attempted to be performed.
- 24 (12) Any person who intentionally performs an abortion with knowledge that, or with  
25 reckless disregard as to whether, the person upon whom the abortion is to be  
26 performed is an unemancipated minor, and who intentionally or knowingly fails to  
27 conform to any requirement of KRS 311.732 is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

- 1 (13) Any person who negligently releases information or documents which are  
2 confidential under KRS 311.732 is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.
- 3 (14) Any person who performs an abortion upon a married woman either with  
4 knowledge or in reckless disregard of whether KRS 311.735 applies to her and who  
5 intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly fails to conform to the requirements of KRS  
6 311.735 shall be guilty of a Class D felony.
- 7 (15) Any person convicted of violating KRS 311.750 shall be guilty of a Class B felony.
- 8 (16) Any person who violates KRS 311.760(2) shall be guilty of a Class D felony.
- 9 (17) Any person who violates KRS 311.770 shall be guilty of a Class D felony.
- 10 (18) Except as provided in KRS 311.787(3), any person who intentionally violates KRS  
11 311.787 shall be guilty of a Class D felony.
- 12 (19) A person convicted of violating KRS 311.780 shall be guilty of a Class C felony.
- 13 (20) Except as provided in KRS 311.782(6), any person who intentionally violates KRS  
14 311.782 shall be guilty of a Class D felony.
- 15 (21) Any person who violates KRS 311.783(1) shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.
- 16 (22) **Except as provided in subsection (6) of Section 1 of this Act, any person who**  
17 **violates subsection (2) of Section 1 of this Act shall be guilty of a Class D felony.**
- 18 **(23)** Any person who violates KRS 311.810 shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.
- 19 **(24)**~~(23)~~ Any professional medical association or society, licensed physician, or  
20 hospital or hospital medical staff who shall have violated the provisions of KRS  
21 311.606 shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.
- 22 **(25)**~~(24)~~ Any administrator, officer, or employee of a publicly owned hospital or  
23 publicly owned health care facility who performs or permits the performance of  
24 abortions in violation of KRS 311.800(1) shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.
- 25 **(26)**~~(25)~~ Any person who violates KRS 311.905(3) shall be guilty of a violation.
- 26 **(27)**~~(26)~~ Any person who violates the provisions of KRS 311.820 shall be guilty of a  
27 Class A misdemeanor.

- 1 ~~(28)~~~~(27)~~ (a) Any person who fails to test organs, skin, or other human tissue which is  
2 to be transplanted, or violates the confidentiality provisions required by KRS  
3 311.281, shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.
- 4 (b) Any person who has human immunodeficiency virus infection, who knows he  
5 is infected with human immunodeficiency virus, and who has been informed  
6 that he may communicate the infection by donating organs, skin, or other  
7 human tissue who donates organs, skin, or other human tissue shall be guilty  
8 of a Class D felony.
- 9 ~~(29)~~~~(28)~~ Any person who sells or makes a charge for any transplantable organ shall be  
10 guilty of a Class D felony.
- 11 ~~(30)~~~~(29)~~ Any person who offers remuneration for any transplantable organ for use in  
12 transplantation into himself shall be fined not less than five thousand dollars  
13 (\$5,000) nor more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).
- 14 ~~(31)~~~~(30)~~ Any person brokering the sale or transfer of any transplantable organ shall be  
15 guilty of a Class C felony.
- 16 ~~(32)~~~~(31)~~ Any person charging a fee associated with the transplantation of a  
17 transplantable organ in excess of the direct and indirect costs of procuring,  
18 distributing, or transplanting the transplantable organ shall be fined not less than  
19 fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) nor more than five hundred thousand dollars  
20 (\$500,000).
- 21 ~~(33)~~~~(32)~~ Any hospital performing transplantable organ transplants which knowingly  
22 fails to report the possible sale, purchase, or brokering of a transplantable organ  
23 shall be fined not less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or more than fifty  
24 thousand dollars (\$50,000).
- 25 ~~(34)~~~~(33)~~ (a) Any physician or qualified technician who violates KRS 311.727 shall  
26 be fined not more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for a first  
27 offense and not more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for



1 each subsequent offense.

2 (b) In addition to the fine, the court shall report the violation of any physician, in  
3 writing, to the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure for such action and  
4 discipline as the board deems appropriate.

5 ~~(35)~~~~(34)~~ Any person who violates KRS 311.691 shall be guilty of a Class B  
6 misdemeanor for the first offense, and a Class A misdemeanor for a second or  
7 subsequent offense. In addition to any other penalty imposed for that violation, the  
8 board may, through the Attorney General, petition a Circuit Court to enjoin the  
9 person who is violating KRS 311.691 from practicing genetic counseling in  
10 violation of the requirements of KRS 311.690 to 311.700.

11 ➔Section 5. KRS 311.990 (Effective July 1, 2019) is amended to read as follows:

12 (1) Any person who violates KRS 311.250 shall be guilty of a violation.

13 (2) Any college or professor thereof violating the provisions of KRS 311.300 to  
14 311.350 shall be civilly liable on his bond for a sum not less than one hundred  
15 dollars (\$100) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each violation,  
16 which may be recovered by an action in the name of the Commonwealth.

17 (3) Any person who presents to the county clerk for the purpose of registration any  
18 license which has been fraudulently obtained, or obtains any license under KRS  
19 311.380 to 311.510 by false or fraudulent statement or representation, or practices  
20 podiatry under a false or assumed name or falsely impersonates another practitioner  
21 or former practitioner of a like or different name, or aids and abets any person in the  
22 practice of podiatry within the state without conforming to the requirements of KRS  
23 311.380 to 311.510, or otherwise violates or neglects to comply with any of the  
24 provisions of KRS 311.380 to 311.510, shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.  
25 Each case of practicing podiatry in violation of the provisions of KRS 311.380 to  
26 311.510 shall be considered a separate offense.

27 (4) Each violation of KRS 311.560 shall constitute a Class D felony.

- 1 (5) Each violation of KRS 311.590 shall constitute a Class D felony. Conviction under  
2 this subsection of a holder of a license or permit shall result automatically in  
3 permanent revocation of such license or permit.
- 4 (6) Conviction of willfully resisting, preventing, impeding, obstructing, threatening, or  
5 interfering with the board or any of its members, or of any officer, agent, inspector,  
6 or investigator of the board or the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, in the  
7 administration of any of the provisions of KRS 311.550 to 311.620 shall be a Class  
8 A misdemeanor.
- 9 (7) Each violation of subsection (1) of KRS 311.375 shall, for the first offense, be a  
10 Class B misdemeanor, and, for each subsequent offense shall be a Class A  
11 misdemeanor.
- 12 (8) Each violation of subsection (2) of KRS 311.375 shall, for the first offense, be a  
13 violation, and, for each subsequent offense, be a Class B misdemeanor.
- 14 (9) Each day of violation of either subsection of KRS 311.375 shall constitute a  
15 separate offense.
- 16 (10) (a) Any person who intentionally or knowingly performs an abortion contrary to  
17 the requirements of KRS 311.723(1) shall be guilty of a Class D felony; and  
18 (b) Any person who intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly violates the  
19 requirements of KRS 311.723(2) shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.
- 20 (11) (a) 1. Any physician who performs a partial-birth abortion in violation of KRS  
21 311.765 shall be guilty of a Class D felony. However, a physician shall  
22 not be guilty of the criminal offense if the partial-birth abortion was  
23 necessary to save the life of the mother whose life was endangered by a  
24 physical disorder, illness, or injury.
- 25 2. A physician may seek a hearing before the State Board of Medical  
26 Licensure on whether the physician's conduct was necessary to save the  
27 life of the mother whose life was endangered by a physical disorder,

1 illness, or injury. The board's findings, decided by majority vote of a  
2 quorum, shall be admissible at the trial of the physician. The board shall  
3 promulgate administrative regulations to carry out the provisions of this  
4 subparagraph.

5 3. Upon a motion of the physician, the court shall delay the beginning of  
6 the trial for not more than thirty (30) days to permit the hearing, referred  
7 to in subparagraph 2. of this paragraph, to occur.

8 (b) Any person other than a physician who performs a partial-birth abortion shall  
9 not be prosecuted under this subsection but shall be prosecuted under  
10 provisions of law which prohibit any person other than a physician from  
11 performing any abortion.

12 (c) No penalty shall be assessed against the woman upon whom the partial-birth  
13 abortion is performed or attempted to be performed.

14 (12) Any person who intentionally performs an abortion with knowledge that, or with  
15 reckless disregard as to whether, the person upon whom the abortion is to be  
16 performed is an unemancipated minor, and who intentionally or knowingly fails to  
17 conform to any requirement of KRS 311.732 is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

18 (13) Any person who negligently releases information or documents which are  
19 confidential under KRS 311.732 is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

20 (14) Any person who performs an abortion upon a married woman either with  
21 knowledge or in reckless disregard of whether KRS 311.735 applies to her and who  
22 intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly fails to conform to the requirements of KRS  
23 311.735 shall be guilty of a Class D felony.

24 (15) Any person convicted of violating KRS 311.750 shall be guilty of a Class B felony.

25 (16) Any person who violates KRS 311.760(2) shall be guilty of a Class D felony.

26 (17) Any person who violates KRS 311.770 shall be guilty of a Class D felony.

27 (18) Except as provided in KRS 311.787(3), any person who intentionally violates KRS

1           311.787 shall be guilty of a Class D felony.

2           (19) A person convicted of violating KRS 311.780 shall be guilty of a Class C felony.

3           (20) Except as provided in KRS 311.782(6), any person who intentionally violates KRS  
4           311.782 shall be guilty of a Class D felony.

5           (21) Any person who violates KRS 311.783(1) shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

6           (22) **Except as provided in subsection (6) of Section 1 of this Act, any person who**  
7           **violates subsection (2) of Section 1 of this Act shall be guilty of a Class D felony.**

8           (23) Any person who violates KRS 311.810 shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

9           ~~(24)~~ Any professional medical association or society, licensed physician, or  
10           hospital or hospital medical staff who shall have violated the provisions of KRS  
11           311.606 shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

12           ~~(25)~~ Any administrator, officer, or employee of a publicly owned hospital or  
13           publicly owned health care facility who performs or permits the performance of  
14           abortions in violation of KRS 311.800(1) shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

15           ~~(26)~~ Any person who violates KRS 311.905(3) shall be guilty of a violation.

16           ~~(27)~~ Any person who violates the provisions of KRS 311.820 shall be guilty of a  
17           Class A misdemeanor.

18           ~~(28)~~ (a) Any person who fails to test organs, skin, or other human tissue which is  
19           to be transplanted, or violates the confidentiality provisions required by KRS  
20           311.281, shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

21           (b) Any person who has human immunodeficiency virus infection, who knows he  
22           is infected with human immunodeficiency virus, and who has been informed  
23           that he may communicate the infection by donating organs, skin, or other  
24           human tissue who donates organs, skin, or other human tissue shall be guilty  
25           of a Class D felony.

26           ~~(29)~~ Any person who sells or makes a charge for any transplantable organ shall be  
27           guilty of a Class D felony.

1 ~~(30)~~~~(29)~~ Any person who offers remuneration for any transplantable organ for use in  
2 transplantation into himself shall be fined not less than five thousand dollars  
3 (\$5,000) nor more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

4 ~~(31)~~~~(30)~~ Any person brokering the sale or transfer of any transplantable organ shall be  
5 guilty of a Class C felony.

6 ~~(32)~~~~(31)~~ Any person charging a fee associated with the transplantation of a  
7 transplantable organ in excess of the direct and indirect costs of procuring,  
8 distributing, or transplanting the transplantable organ shall be fined not less than  
9 fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) nor more than five hundred thousand dollars  
10 (\$500,000).

11 ~~(33)~~~~(32)~~ Any hospital performing transplantable organ transplants which knowingly  
12 fails to report the possible sale, purchase, or brokering of a transplantable organ  
13 shall be fined not less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or more than fifty  
14 thousand dollars (\$50,000).

15 ~~(34)~~~~(33)~~ (a) Any physician or qualified technician who violates KRS 311.727 shall  
16 be fined not more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for a first  
17 offense and not more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for  
18 each subsequent offense.

19 (b) In addition to the fine, the court shall report the violation of any physician, in  
20 writing, to the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure for such action and  
21 discipline as the board deems appropriate.

22 ~~(35)~~~~(34)~~ Any person who violates KRS 311.691 shall be guilty of a Class B  
23 misdemeanor for the first offense, and a Class A misdemeanor for a second or  
24 subsequent offense. In addition to any other penalty imposed for that violation, the  
25 board may, through the Attorney General, petition a Circuit Court to enjoin the  
26 person who is violating KRS 311.691 from practicing genetic counseling in  
27 violation of the requirements of KRS 311.690 to 311.700.

1 ~~(36)~~~~(35)~~ Any person convicted of violating KRS 311.728 shall be guilty of a Class D  
2 felony.

3 ➔Section 6. KRS 213.101 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) Each induced termination of pregnancy which occurs in the Commonwealth,  
5 regardless of the length of gestation, shall be reported to the Vital Statistics Branch  
6 by the person in charge of the institution within fifteen (15) days after the end of the  
7 month in which the termination occurred. If the induced termination of pregnancy  
8 was performed outside an institution, the attending physician shall prepare and file  
9 the report within fifteen (15) days after the end of the month in which the  
10 termination occurred. The report shall include all the information the physician is  
11 required to certify in writing or determine under Section 1 of this Act, KRS  
12 311.782, and 311.783, but shall not include information which will identify the  
13 physician, woman, or man involved.

14 (2) The name of the person completing the report and the reporting institution shall not  
15 be subject to disclosure under KRS 61.870 to 61.884.

16 (3) By September 30 of each year, the Vital Statistics Branch shall issue a public report  
17 that provides statistics for the previous calendar year compiled from all of the  
18 reports covering that calendar year submitted to the cabinet in accordance with this  
19 section for each of the items listed in subsection (1) of this section. Each annual  
20 report shall also provide statistics for all previous calendar years in which this  
21 section was in effect, adjusted to reflect any additional information from late or  
22 corrected reports. The Vital Statistics Branch shall ensure that none of the  
23 information included in the report could reasonably lead to the identification of any  
24 pregnant woman upon whom an abortion was performed or attempted.

25 (4) (a) Any person or institution who fails to submit a report by the end of thirty (30)  
26 days following the due date set in subsection (1) of this section shall be  
27 subject to a late fee of five hundred dollars (\$500) for each additional thirty

1 (30) day period or portion of a thirty (30) day period the report is overdue.

2 (b) Any person or institution who fails to submit a report, or who has submitted  
3 only an incomplete report, more than one (1) year following the due date set in  
4 subsection (1) of this section, may in a civil action brought by the Vital  
5 Statistics Branch be directed by a court of competent jurisdiction to submit a  
6 complete report within a time period stated by court order or be subject to  
7 contempt of court.

8 (c) Failure by any physician to comply with the requirements of this section, other  
9 than filing a late report, or to submit a complete report in accordance with a  
10 court order shall subject the physician to KRS 311.595.

11 (5) Intentional falsification of any report required under this section is a Class A  
12 misdemeanor.

13 (6) Within ninety (90) days of *the effective date of this Act*~~January 9, 2017~~, the Vital  
14 Statistics Branch shall promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with  
15 KRS Chapter 13A to assist in compliance with this section.

16 ➔Section 7. KRS 413.140 is amended to read as follows:

17 (1) The following actions shall be commenced within one (1) year after the cause of  
18 action accrued:

19 (a) An action for an injury to the person of the plaintiff, or of her husband, his  
20 wife, child, ward, apprentice, or servant;

21 (b) An action for injuries to persons, cattle, or other livestock by railroads or other  
22 corporations, with the exception of hospitals licensed pursuant to KRS  
23 Chapter 216;

24 (c) An action for malicious prosecution, conspiracy, arrest, seduction, criminal  
25 conversation, or breach of promise of marriage;

26 (d) An action for libel or slander;

27 (e) An action against a physician, surgeon, dentist, or hospital licensed pursuant

- 1 to KRS Chapter 216, for negligence or malpractice;
- 2 (f) A civil action, arising out of any act or omission in rendering, or failing to  
3 render, professional services for others, whether brought in tort or contract,  
4 against a real estate appraiser holding a certificate or license issued under  
5 KRS Chapter 324A;
- 6 (g) An action for the escape of a prisoner, arrested or imprisoned on civil process;
- 7 (h) An action for the recovery of usury paid for the loan or forbearance of money  
8 or other thing, against the loaner or forbearer or assignee of either;
- 9 (i) An action for the recovery of stolen property, by the owner thereof against any  
10 person having the same in his possession;
- 11 (j) An action for the recovery of damages or the value of stolen property, against  
12 the thief or any accessory;
- 13 (k) An action arising out of a detention facility disciplinary proceeding, whether  
14 based upon state or federal law;
- 15 (l) An action for damages arising out of a deficiency, defect, omission, error, or  
16 miscalculation in any survey or plat, whether brought in tort or contract,  
17 against a licensed professional land surveyor holding a license under KRS  
18 Chapter 322;~~and~~
- 19 (m) An action for violating KRS 311.782; ***and***
- 20 ***(n) An action for violating Section 1 of this Act.***
- 21 (2) In respect to the action referred to in paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of this section,  
22 the cause of action shall be deemed to accrue at the time the injury is first  
23 discovered or in the exercise of reasonable care should have been discovered;  
24 provided that such action shall be commenced within five (5) years from the date on  
25 which the alleged negligent act or omission is said to have occurred.
- 26 (3) In respect to the action referred to in paragraph (f) or (l) of subsection (1) of this  
27 section, the cause of action shall be deemed to accrue within one (1) year from the



1 date of the occurrence or from the date when the cause of action was, or reasonably  
2 should have been, discovered by the party injured.

3 (4) In respect to the action referred to in paragraph (h) of subsection (1) of this section,  
4 the cause of action shall be deemed to accrue at the time of payment. This limitation  
5 shall apply to all payments made on all demands, whether evidenced by writing or  
6 existing only in parol.

7 (5) In respect to the action referred to in paragraph (i) of subsection (1) of this section,  
8 the cause of action shall be deemed to accrue at the time the property is found by its  
9 owner.

10 (6) In respect to the action referred to in paragraph (j) of subsection (1) of this section,  
11 the cause of action shall be deemed to accrue at the time of discovery of the  
12 liability.

13 (7) In respect to the action referred to in paragraph (k) of subsection (1) of this section,  
14 the cause of action shall be deemed to accrue on the date an appeal of the  
15 disciplinary proceeding is decided by the institutional warden.

16 (8) In respect to the action referred to in subsection (1)(m) and (n) of this section, the  
17 cause of action shall be deemed to accrue after the performance or inducement or  
18 attempt to perform or induce the abortion.

19 ➔Section 8. This Act may be cited as the Human Rights of the Unborn Child and  
20 Anti-Discrimination Act.

21 ➔Section 9. Whereas the fundamental rights of all Kentuckians, regardless of the  
22 unborn child's sex, race, color, national origin, or disability, deserve immediate  
23 protection, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage  
24 and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.