

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT FORM
2025 REGULAR SESSION
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Amend printed copy of **HB 495**

Starting on page 2, line 1, to page 2, line 6, delete subsection (6) in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"(6) "Protected counseling service":

(a) Means counseling, talk therapy, or other speech-based mental health service performed in accordance with established professional standards of care and evidence-based practices recognized by major professional mental health organizations; and

(b) Does not include any practice, treatment, or intervention that:

- 1. Seeks to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity;**
- 2. Attempts to eliminate or reduce an individual's sexual or romantic attractions or feelings toward individuals of the same sex or gender;**
- 3. Characterizes an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity as a mental illness, disorder, deficiency, or shortcoming; or**
- 4. Employs methods that are inconsistent with evidence-based therapeutic approaches;"**; and

On page 3, after line 5, insert:

"(2) Sections 1 to 3 of this Act shall not be construed to prevent the Commonwealth, any of its agencies or political subdivisions, including any hiring or licensing authority, or any

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Rep. Rep. Adrielle Camuel

Committee Amendment _____

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regulated health care entity from enforcing measures that promote professional standards of care, ethical guidelines, or evidence-based practices as established by relevant professional organizations or hiring or licensing authorities.".