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1 AN ACT relating to ensuring basic liberties regarding immunizations and declaring 2 an emergency.

- 3 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:
- 4 → Section 1. KRS 214.036 is amended to read as follows:
- 5 Nothing contained in KRS 158.035, 214.010, 214.020, 214.032 to 214.036, and 214.990
- 6 shall be construed to require the testing for tuberculosis or the immunization of any child
- 7 at a time when, in the written opinion of his attending physician, such testing or
- 8 immunization would be injurious to the child's health. Nor shall KRS 158.035, 214.010,
- 9 214.020, 214.032 to 214.036, and 214.990 be construed to require the immunization of
- any child whose parents are opposed to medical immunization against disease, and who
- object by a written sworn statement to the immunization of such child on religious
- 12 grounds. Further, nothing contained in KRS 158.035, 194A.025, 214.010, 214.020,
- 13 214.032 to 214.036, 214.990, or KRS Chapter 211, shall be construed to permit the
- 14 Cabinet for Health and Family Services or any other agent or instrumentality of the
- 15 Commonwealth of Kentucky to require the immunization of any person[Provided,
- 16 however, that in the event of an epidemic in a given area, the Cabinet for Health and
- 17 Family Services may, by emergency regulation, require the immunization of all persons
- 18 within the area of epidemic, against the disease responsible for such epidemic].
- → Section 2. This Act may be cited as the Ensuring Bodily Autonomy and
- 20 Informed Consent Act.
- → Section 3. Whereas ensuring bodily autonomy and informed consent, which are
- basic requirements for due process, liberty, and the constitutional and statutory rights of
- 23 Kentucky citizens, is compelling and immediate, an emergency is declared to exist and
- 24 this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise
- becoming law.