

Roy Cooper, Governor State of North Carolina

GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

House Bill 806, "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE INDOOR OR OUTDOOR EXERCISE AND FITNESS FACILITIES, GYMS, HEALTH CLUBS, AND FITNESS CENTERS TO RESUME OPERATIONS."

Tying the hands of public health officials in times of pandemic is dangerous, especially when case counts and hospitalizations are rising. State and local officials must be able to take swift action during the COVID-19 emergency to prevent a surge of patients from overwhelming hospitals and endangering the lives of North Carolinians. The bill could restrict leaders who need to respond quickly to outbreaks and protect public health and safety.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

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The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House of Representatives on this the 2nd day of July 2020, at 1.40 pm for reconsideration by that body.

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The Capitol Building, Raleigh, NC 27602 Mail: 20301 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-0301 Phone: (919)814-2100 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and expires when Executive Order No. 147, issued on June 24, 2020, is repealed, replaced, or rescinded.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 26th day of June, 2020.

Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President Pro Tempore of the Senate

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Approved ______, m. this ______ day of _______, 2020

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