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## KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill

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## Referred to Committee: Senate 3

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An act to Make Recycling a Tax Write Off.

## Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Recycling is more important to the environment today than it ever has been. Not only is land pollution harshly affecting Kentucky, but factories contribute to air and water pollution. Kentucky is already prone to high level air pollution due to its position in the Ohio River Valley, which prohibits the pollutants from leaving this area. Since there's already a high level of air pollution in Kentucky, it's this generation's obligation to make sure the environment stays as healthy as it can be.

According to a recycling website based in the UK, "it takes 70% less energy to use recycled paper instead of using raw materials". Also, about 50% of the things in the trash are recyclable.

Section 2: First, the people who want to recycle pay the regular fee for recycling. Later, in the form of a tax write off, the people who pay for recycling would get a certain part of that money back during the tax season in January. In the beginning of the year, it will still be expensive to recycle, but there will be the incentive of the tax write off. This should boost the economy when it's first implemented. However, there is a problem regarding money and how the government would be able to come up with the money to be able to execute the solution.

Section 3: The write-off would be deducting 50% of the current recycling payment. This means that we would be taking away 50% of the tax payments that people normally have to pay. For example, if someone were to pay a hypothetical amount of \$10,000 worth of taxes, the write-off would change that amount to 5,000. This is definitely a huge decrease in tax money, so more people would be interested in partaking in tax write-offs for recycling.

Section 4: This will be regulated by the Internal Revenue Services (IRS) and facilitated by the state government.

Section 5: Every recycling company will be implementing the plan. There will be set amounts or plans for recycling based on how much you recycle that will determine how much of a write off you get. This plan will also cover every type of recycling (I.e. electronics, paper, plastic, metal, scraps)

Section 6: This tax could influence people to recycle more because there will be a reward for it now. This will have many positive effects of the environments.