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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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School: Atherton HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville	☐ ☐ Passed☐ ☐ Defeated	□ Passed

An act to move all businesses specializing in activities prohibited to minors away from schools.

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

Section 1: All businesses specializing in activities prohibited to minors (EX: smokers outlets, liquor stores, strip clubs, etc.) must move at least 1 mile away from all schools.

Section 2: The cost of underage drinking was almost .7 billion dollars (pain and suffering costs, medical expenses, work loss, etc.) in 2010. 37.8% of Kentucky students in grades 9–12 have had at least one drink of alcohol on one or more occasion in the past 30 days. 23.6% of Kentucky students have had five or more drinks in a row on one or more occasion in the past 30 days. Kentucky has the 2nd highest youth smoking rate in the United States as of September 13th 2016. The number of minors who are predicted to die from smoking is 119,000.

Section 3: This bill will be enforced by the Kentucky department of business licensing, the Kentucky department of buildings and construction, and law enforcement officers.

Section 4: Offenses for violated law:

- 1st Offense: For not moving before the bill goes into effect their business licenses will be suspended
- 2nd Offense: For not moving after six months (before June 1, 2020) they will have their licenses revoked and will have to reapply for a new one the following year.
- 3rd Offense: For not moving after one year (before January 1, 2021) the state will seize the property

Section 5: This bill will be introduced in January of 2017 and would go into effect on January 1, 2020.

Section 6: For complying with this law before the first deadline, the business owners will receive a financial incentive taken as a tax on the Kentucky lottery.