

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG 34						
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1 An act requiring all persons to wear a lifejacket while on Kentucky waterways

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

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5 Section 1: The US Coast Guard’s most recent report of recreational boating statistics estimates that 9
6 people die and 38 people are injured from boating accidents last year, increasing by 48% from the
7 previous. These accidents also claimed \$621,540 in property damages among all accidents. Life-jackets
8 are extremely important in helping intoxicated people and inexperienced people maintain safety.

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10 Section 2: This would require limited additional costs as lifejackets are already required to be on board
11 all watercraft. The difference is that people would be required to wear them at all times rather than
12 only when the vehicle is in motion.

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14 Section 3: The law would be enforced through the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources
15 officers and all other peace officers who enforce the boating laws of Kentucky. U.S. Coast Guard
16 officers also patrol and have enforcement authority on federally controlled waters