

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill</b>	<b>Blue   BG 35</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: House 4</b>						
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1                   An act to prohibit smoking in any motor vehicle with a child as a passenger

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

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5   Section 1: In Kentucky, over one-third of households with children had at least one member who  
6 smoked tobacco. Based on this statistic, it is reasonable to project that many of these adults will  
7 smoke while in a car or other motor vehicle with a child. According to various studies, the levels of  
8 toxicity of secondhand smoke in a car is up to ten times greater than what the Environmental  
9 Protection Agency deems hazardous. These high levels of toxins are especially detrimental to children  
10 who can develop numerous health conditions and diseases from exposure to secondhand smoke. The  
11 purpose of this bill is to reduce a child's exposure to secondhand smoke by banning smoking in a motor  
12 vehicle with a minor under the age of 13 - otherwise to be referred to in this bill as a child.

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14   Section 2: The Kentucky Highway Patrol would be in charge of monitoring and pulling over any vehicle  
15 in which a driver or passenger is smoking in the presence of a child. The majority of these citations will  
16 occur after the driver of the vehicle has been pulled over for a more visually evident offense such as  
17 speeding or failure to stop at a red light.

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19   Section 3: If a vehicle with a child passenger is pulled over and either the driver or another passenger is  
20 presently smoking, the smoker will receive a fine of \$75. In the case of a passenger smoking, the driver  
21 will also receive a fine but at \$25. If an officer pulls over a vehicle and finds evidence of smoking (ex.  
22 visible smoke, burning cigarette), the driver will be fined \$50-\$75 at the discretion of the officer.

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24   Section 4: Implementing this bill will benefit Kentucky by reducing the amount of child illnesses and  
25 deaths caused by exposure to secondhand smoke. This bill would also lower overall exposure to  
26 tobacco smoke for smoking and non-smoking adults. Additionally, this bill would encourage current  
27 smokers and children who are frequently exposed to smoking to live smoke-free lifestyles.  
28 Furthermore, the fines collected from the offenses previously stated would go towards the Kentucky  
29 Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program, thereby increasingly promoting the bettering of citizens'  
30 health by living tobacco-free.

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32   Section 5: This bill will go into effect three months after passage.