

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG 39						
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1 An act to have it mandatory for food companies to label their GMO products.

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

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5 Section 1: Our proposed bill is to have it mandatory for all food companies and agricultural
6 manufacturers (ex: commercial farmers) to have any product containing GMO's labeled on the
7 potentially sold product. As of our present time it is optional for a company to label their product.
8 While the U.S. and Canada don't require food labeling, in 64 countries there are strict labeling laws or
9 outright bans on GMO products (this includes a majority of Europe).

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11 Section 2: GMO's (Genetically Modified Organisms) are a laboratory processed result in which foods are
12 genetically modified and artificially forced into the genes of a plant or animal. These synthetic genes
13 may come from bacteria, viruses, insects, animals, or even humans. They are used for preservation and
14 modifying of a plant or animal. This over-usage of unhealthy GMO's overtime have caused organ
15 damage to humans and mainly animals, immune system disorders, accelerated aging in animals, the
16 passing on of toxins to an unborn fetus, infection in other plants, cancer, kidney and liver damage,
17 multiple food allergies, lowered resistance to antibiotics, infertility, gluten disorders, birth defects, and
18 much more devastating cons to be listed. Also, GMO's are used to up the quantity and life span of
19 plans (ex; wheat, corn, soybean). This often ruins the environment and gives ourselves less work to
20 grow the plant.

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22 Section 3: If this bill were to pass, the effects of it would be more positive for one's health, knowledge,
23 and financial situation. One will be more in control of their health as well as feeling safer from health
24 injury or allergy. We can prevent further damage to the world, to people's health, animal's health, and
25 prevent a great deal of poverty of less developed countries from commercial farming. We have the right
26 to know what's in our food.

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28 Section 4: If a company were to fail this law, the first offense would be punishable by a fine that will be
29 adjusted according to the equivalent quantity of said "un-labeled products" sold. The second offense
30 will be punishable by another fine similar to the first offense, yet doubled in amount. The third offense
31 will be a temporary shut-down of sold un-labeled product(s).

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33 Section 5: This law will be enforced by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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35 Section 6: The bill will go into effect 6 months after passage in which during this time companies who
36 did not label their products fairly will have the arranged time to unstock and re-label their products.