KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Bluegrass Bill**	**Red | BG 20** **Referred to Committee:** **Senate 2**
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School: St. Patrick Catholic School	House: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated Senate: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Louisville	

An act to require four to six random inspections a year for large scale commercial dog breeding operations.

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

Section 1: The purpose of this bill is to ensure quality of the care of the dogs.

Section 2: As of right now, there are no laws in Kentucky on the commercial breeding operations. There is no limit of how many times the dogs can be bred. The breeders can care for the puppies however they want. Currently, a dog can spend its entire life in a cage, as long as it's basic needs are provided.

Section 3: The Humane Society will implement the inspections. A small state grant will be supplied to the Humane Society to begin. Further inspections will be paid for by those found to be not in compliance.

Section 4: When the breeder is caught for the first time they will have to pay a fine of $500. There will be two weeks between inspections to allow the breeder adequate amount of time to comply. The second time, they will be prevented from selling dogs for one month and the breeders will face a fine of $600. At the third and/or subsequent violations, the dogs will be given to the Humane Society to be put up for adoption, along with a three-month shutdown of their facilities. The Humane Society will decide the list of mandated regulations.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect on July 1, 2017.