KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Commonwealth Bill**	**Blue | CW 2** **Referred to Committee: House 4**
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City: Auburn	

An act to Obtain a Parent/Guardian Driving Permit at age 15.

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

Section 1: 15 year olds will be given the opportunity to obtain a Parent/ Guardian Driving permit. They are only allowed to drive if a parent or guardian is with them. At the age of 16 they will receive their intermediate license and at 17 their full license the same as it is now. The changing of the age of receiving a learner's permit from 16 years of age to 15 years of age will allow teenagers to have an extra year of guided practice before they start driving with other people besides their parents or guardians in the vehicle.

Section 2: The leading cause of deaths for American teenagers is car crashes. The crash fatality rate is highest for 16-17 year olds within the first 6 months of getting their license, and it remains high through the age of 24. This age group makes up 7% of licensed drivers, but suffers 14% of fatalities and 20% of all reported accidents. Of teen drivers fatally injured in automobiles, more than 1/3 were speed related accidents. Teen drivers are more likely than older drivers to be the cause of their accidents. That is based on facts pointing to high rates of teen accidents involving one vehicle. Many reasons contributed to teen drivers' high accident and fatality rates in automobiles but lack of experience is a main cause.

Section 3: If the 15 year old is given a ticket during his/her year of learner's permit experience, they will lose their permit. They will have to restart the process of regaining an intermediate driver's license when they turn 16. Police officers and The Kentucky Department of Transportation will enforce this law once it goes into effect.

Section 4: The cost for a license in Kentucky is $20. To inform the public of the new law, media coverage and social media will be used to pass it along throughout Kentucky.

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