

**KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY
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Title: **An act to reduce emissions of pollutants from cruise ships, and other large, sea-faring vessels.**

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Justification Clause: According to the Environmental Protection Agency, everyday a cruise ship operates it emits the same amount of sulfur dioxide as 13.1 million cars would in the same time frame. On average, today's cruise ships burn fuels with a sulfur content of around 2.7%. These fuels emit sulfur dioxide (SO₂) into the atmosphere where it is combined with water to form the acidifying compound Sulfuric acid (H₂SO₄). It is later deposited on the earth's surface and can cause acidification of soil and lakes.

Section I: Cruise liners must comply with one of the following regulations:

- I. Burn fuels with lower sulfur contents. By 2015, the fuel must have a sulfur content of 1% or lower and by 2025, a sulfur content of .3%. Further provisions will be added on later dates.
- II. Make efforts to lessen the concentration of sulfur present in the emission.

Section II: Within six months of passage, cruise ships will be inspected by the UN to confirm their compliance to the previously stated regulations. Failure to comply within the allowed time will directly result in a \$250,000 fine the first day of every month until measures are taken.

Section III: Finances will be covered by the money that comes from the fines in section 2.