



**KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  
KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY  
Legislative Bill**

**Blue | Bill # HB 01**

**Referred to Committee:  
House 1**

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**School:** Auburn Middle School

**City:** Auburn

**Action on the Bill**

**House**

**Senate**

Passed

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Defeated

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An act to Ban the selling of energy drinks to minors under 18.

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

Section 1: Nobody under 18 will be allowed to consume energy drinks. No stores will be allowed to sell energy drinks to minors under 18. No adults over 18 shall buy or give energy drinks to minors under 18.

Section 2: Emergency Room visits went from 1,228 visits in 2005 to more than 20,000 in 2011 in minors under 18. Two 24oz. cans of Monster drinks equal fourteen cans of coca-cola. 2oz. of 5 Hour Energy drink equals 2 cups of coffee. 5 Hour Energy drinks led to 13 deaths and 33 serious hospitalizations in 2012. Journal of Pediatrics of University of Miami and health care professional around the country report that minors under 18 that consume energy drinks risk the following: Caffeine Toxicity or Poisoning, Dehydration, Heart Palpitation, Cardiac Arrest, High Blood Pressure, and Death.

Section 3: Stores will move all energy drink with the tobacco or alcohol products. Stores will ask for proof of age before selling. Energy drinks would go into accordance with the law of tobacco use of minors under 18.

Section 4: Penalties for stores selling to minors are the same as tobacco laws: The first violation is subject to a fine of \$100 to \$500. Then subsequent violations are subject a fine of \$500-\$1,000.

Penalties for purchase /possession by minors would be the same law as tobacco laws: Violations shall be punishable by a fine of \$50 and 20 hours of community service for first offense within a one year period, and a fine of \$200 and 40 hours of community service for a second subsequent offense within a one year period.

Section 5: This law will go in effect June 1st, 2014