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An act to Prohibit the Act of Riding in the Back of a Pick-up Truck in Kentucky

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

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Section 1:Kentucky currently does not have a law against children riding in the back of a pick-up truck. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety states: "Appropriate child and safety seats provide significantly more protection in a crash than safety belts alone". This aligns with Kentucky's law that states:

- Any child under 40 inches tall must be in a child and/or infant seat.
- Any child, who is under seven years of age and is between 40 and 50 inches tall, must be in a booster seat.
- All children over seven years of age (ages 7-18) and over 50 inches tall must be secured in a seat belt. However, this law is broken on a daily basis when children ride in the back of a pick-up truck. Because children are not restrained, minor swerves and bumps, as well as sudden braking, can be fatal.

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Section 2: This law will ensure that no person under the age of 18 shall ride in the back of a pick-up truck.

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Section 3: Excluded from this bill:

- People 18 and older
- Agricultural workers when transporting workers 18 or older on a farm and driving less than 30 miles per hour
- Parades when driving less than 20 miles per hour
- Life threatening emergencies

23 24 Section 4: When enacted, the State of Kentucky will incur minor expenses. The revenue from the penalties will cover these minor costs.

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Section 5: Penalties:

- 1st Offense- driver is ticketed and charged a \$25 fee
- 2nd Offense any beyond- driver is ticketed and charged a \$50 fee

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Section 6: Upon passage, this bill will go into effect January 1, 2014.