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School: Shelby East/West Middle School and Martha Layne Collins High School							
City: Shelbyville							

1 An act to Require a License for Individuals to Purchase and Possess a Gun in Kentucky.

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

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5 Section 1: Recent shootings in our country have been committed by individuals who should not have access
6 to guns. This bill will require an individual to obtain a license or permit before allowing the person to
7 purchase and possess a gun. The goal of this bill is to reduce the number of unintentional shootings by
8 making sure the gun owners know how to safely use and store guns and to decrease illegal gun sales.
9 Research has shown that states that have gun permit laws have greater success at keeping guns out of the
10 hands of criminals, juveniles and other individuals prohibited from having guns. At the present time,
11 Kentucky only has a law for a permit to carry a handgun. Our bill would require a permit for all types of
12 guns.

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14 Section 2: In order to get a license or permit, an individual must pass a background check and a mental
15 health evaluation. The individual must provide proof of residency and fingerprints. The person must also
16 pass a written and performance-based test showing that they know how to safely load, fire and store the
17 gun, and has knowledge of the gun laws. Once an individual passes the tests and evaluations, a card is
18 issued with a number, photograph, address and other identifying information. The license must be shown to
19 the gun dealer and verified before buying a gun. The license must also be carried on the person when
20 carrying or using the gun. Licenses will be renewed every 3 years by following the same procedures.

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22 Section 3: The FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) is responsible for conducting
23 the background checks and fingerprinting. The person applying for the gun license will be responsible for
24 getting the proof of residency and mental health evaluation from a licensed psychiatrist. The safety tests
25 will be administered by certified gun safety experts at a shooting range or local police department. The cost
26 of the tests and evaluations will be the responsibility of the applicant. Current gun owners will have 1 year
27 to get their license. The license will be good for 3 years. If a person has possession of a gun without a
28 license, they will be treated as illegally possessing a gun and criminal penalties up to five years in jail will be
29 put in place. The penalty for an expired license (less than a year) will be a fine of not less than \$500.

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31 Section 4: This bill will take effect on January 1, 2014.