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 An act to to ban fracking in Kentucky.

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

Section 1: Fracking, also called hydraulic fracturing, is the process of injecting a mixture of water, sand, and various chemicals at high pressure into shale rock layers of the earth to extract natural gas. An environmental consequence of fracking is leakage of the chemicals into ground water, contaminating it to the point of being toxic and therefore not potable. Additionally, chemicals that do not reach the ground water eventually evaporate, causing more pollution in the air and eventually leading to acid rain.

Section 2: This ban will be enforced by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which will conduct yearly aerial shots to detect any incidents of fracking.

Section 3: The penalty for the first fracking incident will be a fine of \$5,000 to \$25,000 and/or a year in jail. Subsequent offenses will be fined \$50,000 to \$100,000 and/or six years in prison.

Section 4: Funding to purchase satellite rights for aerial photos will come from the Kentucky General Budget.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2014.