

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Premiere Bill	Red Bill # HBP 02						
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1 An act to instigate a mandatory prenuptial agreement between two citizens before they engage in legal
2 matrimony, in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
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4 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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6 Section 1: This would exponentially lower the ever increasing divorce rate in Kentucky. This would also
7 strengthen familial bonds and revive the sanctity of marriage.
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9 Section 2: When a couple goes to the courthouse to receive their marriage license, they must also sign a
10 prenuptial agreement. The conditions of this agreement will vary slightly based upon the married couple.
11 Major conditions that would be mandatory would include: a clause that would insure that individuals would
12 retain possessions that they bring into the marriage, a clause containing circumstances that would void the
13 agreement, and a predetermined clause that would split possessions in case of a divorce. Discretion of a
14 judge would determine if this agreement is satisfactory.
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16 Section 3: This bill would go into effect on January 1, 2014 and would only apply to people who apply for a
17 marriage license after this date. A couple would apply for this agreement along with their marriage license.
18 A fee of \$20 will be added to the cost of the marriage license. The courthouse will retain the original copy of
19 this agreement and the couple will have a copy for themselves.
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21 Section 4: The divorce rate in recent years has exceeded 50%. This is outrageous and unacceptable. By
22 enacting this bill we will begin to lower this rate. An average divorce in the State of Kentucky costs around
23 \$150. This is not including many other fees. This bill will lower the costs and time that divorces take as
24 participants argue over possessions. The \$20 fee will also generate a vast amount of money in revenue for
25 the Commonwealth of Kentucky. This will be a virtually inexpensive fee, but when you look at the bill you will
26 see that this is very profitable.