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An act to decrease the amount of hydraulic fracturing in Kentucky.

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

Section 1: Hydraulic fracturing is the act of drilling down in the earth to harvest natural gas by fracturing the earth with pressurized water mixed with chemicals. When the water is down in the earth, heavy metals like arsenic, mercury, and cadmium, along with chemicals such as hydrochloric acid and formaldehyde seep into the earth and contaminate ground water that is used in nearby towns, getting people sick.

Section 2: The average gas well uses about 1-8 million gallons of water, 4 thousand gallons of chemicals, and is a serious health concern for citizens, animals, and plants in the surrounding area. By using less gas wells, clean water will be conserved, and less ground water will be contaminated. We will diminish the amount of hydraulic fracturing by lowering the number of gas wells/drills each company has by 7.5%. This process will continue for 20 years.

Section 3: If a company does not comply, the state has the right to take away their license to drill for natural gas, and if the company still drills without their license, they will be fined 25% of their profit. The decrease in gas wells will lead to less energy for the state, which we will supplement using solar panels. The funding for the solar panels will come from the Kentucky Lottery. The lottery annually gives about 30% of its profits to different state programs.

Section 4: This bill will go into effect January 1, 2014