

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Red Bill # HB 21						
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1 An act to eliminate governmental subsidizing of Kentucky's horse racing industry.

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

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5 Section 1: Though Kentucky is home to the largest and most storied tradition in American and global horse
6 racing, little to no knowledge of the inner workings of the highly exploitative industry is present among the
7 general public. Presently, horse farms are allotted subsidies to boost the number of horses to race; this
8 practice results in the annual inhumane disposal of thousands of horses every year. Those horses deemed
9 slow, slightly injured, ugly, incapable of breeding, or otherwise inefficient are promptly slain around the age
10 of three, compared to a regular horse which easily may reach the age of thirty.

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12 Section 2: The fate of still-capable horses deemed unfit for the racing industry is tragically wasteful - these
13 horses have the ability to survive for many more years and serve a myriad of recreational, labor related, or
14 leisure purposes and are instead killed or inhumanely packed and shipped across the world for human
15 consumption. This procedure is unethical and needless.

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17 Section 3: The elimination of subsidies will save Kentucky taxpayers millions of dollars while promoting more
18 careful and efficient breeding practices focusing on actual production of race horses to maintain and raise
19 and removing the grisly murder of thousands of innocent animals.

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21 Section 4: Current subsidies will be reduced annually by 25% over a four year period until completely
22 eliminated.

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24 Section 5: Phase One of the act will begin January 1st, 2014.