

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Red Bill # HB 27						
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1 An act to lower the legal driving age to fifteen, under the appropriate circumstances.

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

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5 Section 1: In the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the current law states that once an individual reaches the age
6 of sixteen, he or she is eligible to apply for their Learner’s Permit. In order to get the full license, this
7 individual must carry their Learner’s Permit for a minimum of six months and drive a total of sixty hours.
8 After this period of time, they can take a road test and, upon passage, become eligible for the Intermediate
9 License. Six months after the Intermediate License, this person may obtain their full license. This bill would
10 allow teenagers to receive their Learner’s Permit at fifteen, and their full driver’s license at sixteen and a half.

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12 Section 2: Once an individual reaches the age of fifteen, they can apply for their Learner’s Permit. After
13 receiving their Learner’s Permit, he or she must attend a mandatory driver’s-education class, and they must
14 hold their permit for six months. After these six months have passed and the individual has taken a state-
15 regulated road test, he or she may apply for a waiver that grants permission for them to travel between
16 school, work, and home at fifteen and a half years of age. After another six months have elapsed, and the
17 individual has driven for a minimum of 100 hours, 25 hours of which have been at dark, they may apply for
18 their intermediate license. After another six months, if the driver has a driving record with no more than 6
19 points, they may apply for their full license.

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21 Section 3: This bill provides the opportunity for teenage drivers to gain more experience behind the wheel at
22 an earlier age. Teenagers would have more time to develop proper driving techniques and skill, against the
23 traditional one year currently required before receiving a full license. Also, teenagers would gain more
24 responsibility and maturity through this process

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26 Section 4: The teenager would only have to drive with a licensed adult over the age of 21 until they are
27 approved over their waver. After this point, they are restricted to only having immediate family members in
28 the car with them while the teenager is driving. After they are granted their intermediate license, this
29 individual will be restricted to the same passenger requirements that are currently implemented in the
30 intermediate license.

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32 Section 5: Receiving a restricted license at 16 aids the stimulation of the economy, with more motor vehicles
33 being purchased, more income readily available for the teenagers to spend on commerce, and more money
34 being spent on insurance and gas. The younger driving age provides an incentive for teenagers to be more
35 responsible, and begin working at a younger age, which further stimulates the economy.

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37 Section 6: This bill would go into effect on August 1, 2015.