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An act to repeal the "stand your ground" law in Kentucky.

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

Section 1: In 2006, the state of Kentucky enacted the "stand your ground" law. As stated in statute 503.055, "A person who is not engaged in an unlawful activity and who is attacked in any other place where he or she has a right to be has no duty to retreat and has the right to stand his or her ground and meet force with force, if he or she reasonably believes it is necessary to do so to prevent death or great bodily harm to him or herself or another or to prevent the commission of a felony involving the use of force."

Section 2: This act is to repeal the "stand your ground" law in our state. A study by Texas A&M economics professors found that the adoption of stand-your-ground laws caused a statistically significant increase in the raw homicide rate, and had only a very small positive effect on deterrence of crime.

Section 3: As stated in the law, if a person reasonably believes that their safety is in danger they can use self defense with deadly force. The issue is that reasonable belief is based on feeling, not fact. Without other witnesses available, the perpetrator could modify the story by telling their perspective, truthful or not.

Section 4: This bill will go into effect on June 1, 2014.