

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Premiere Bill	Red Bill # SBP 12						
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1 An act to protect horses in Kentucky by establishing clear minimum standards of care.

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

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5 Section 1: The Commonwealth of Kentucky is considered the horse capital of the world, yet we rank in the
6 bottom five for animal protection laws in our country. Because of their importance to our state, we believe
7 that horses in the Commonwealth should have their own set of welfare laws. According to the Kentucky
8 Horse Council, their recommendations are as follows: (1)Horses should have enough grass or clean hay to
9 maintain a body condition score of between five and six on the Hennecke Scale. (2)Horses that are unable to
10 meet the nutrition requirement by eating forage alone will be supplemented with concentrates. (3)Horses
11 must have access to a clean source of water at least twice per day, until full, or a continual source of water.
12 Additional specifications will provide horses adequate space and safe daily exercise. The space will allow
13 protection from weather elements and allow room for them to move without fighting. Horses will show no
14 signs of untreated injury or illness. A horse with injury or illness will receive proper medical care.

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16 Section 2: Horses, owners, and the Kentucky economy will all benefit from these higher standards. The
17 Kentucky economy will benefit by improved reputation of horse care.
18 Animal control officers will be responsible for enforcing this law.

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20 Section 3: There will be no additional cost to the state for this law. Offenders will be fined in accordance
21 with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's penal code for a Class A Misdemeanor. Funds received from these
22 fines will be used to cover training and enforcement costs, in cooperation with Kentucky Horse Council and
23 the Department of Agriculture.

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25 Section 4: This bill will go into effect January 1, 2013.