

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill</b>	<b>Red   Bill # HB 42</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: House 2</b>						
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<b>City:</b> Louisville							

1 An act to require that all Kentucky citizens and companies pay a CO2 offset fee.

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

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5 Section 1: This bill will require all Kentucky resident individuals/families and all corporations with facilities located  
6 within the State of Kentucky to pay an offset for the CO2 they produce to the extent required.

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8 Section 2: Payment of this offset will be ensured through the offices of the Regulating, Education, and Maintaining  
9 Association of CO2 Offsets (REMACO). REMACO will calculate offset fees based upon  
10 person's/families/corporations utility usage, types and numbers of cars licensed, and in the case of manufacturing  
11 concerns monitorable emissions. REMACO will be the responsibility of the Kentucky Energy and Environment  
12 Cabinet.

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14 Section 3: REMACO's use of the fees collected will go mainly towards the planting of woody plant-life and to the  
15 purpose of educating people about the importance of offsetting and reducing CO2 emissions. The fees collected  
16 will also go towards the maintaining of REMACO's offices in addition to the fines collected for non-compliance.

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18 Section 4: There will be a dollar-for-dollar rebate provided by the State for any equipment installed by  
19 manufacturing groups that helps them reduce CO2 emissions. There will also be a dollar-for-dollar rebate for the  
20 addition of woody plant life done by people/businesses up to their total offset fee.

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22 Section 5: People below the poverty line are exempt from this bill. Non-profit organizations are exempt from this  
23 bill. Farm equipment is exempt from this bill. Solely internet based companies are exempt from this bill. Individuals  
24 who own 3 acres or more of treed acreage are exempt from this bill and will receive a 5% state tax deduction.  
25 Families who own 10 or more acres of treed acreage are exempt from this bill and will receive a 5% state tax  
26 deduction.

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28 Section 6: Individuals/families will pay a percentage of the cost to offset their approximate CO2 emissions. This  
29 percentage will be based upon their annual income (the lower the income means that they pay a lesser  
30 percentage; while the higher the income, the higher the percentage. Companies affected within this bill will pay  
31 100% of the cost required to offset their CO2 emissions.

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33 Section 7: Punishments for individuals/families and corporations who do not comply with this bill are as follows:

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35 1<sup>st</sup> Penalty - They will be notified of non-compliance, instructed to pay amount due, and individuals/families will  
36 receive a \$100 fine, while companies will receive a \$1000 fine.

37 2<sup>nd</sup> Penalty - After 1 month they will again be notified of non-compliance, instructed to pay amount due, and  
38 individuals/families will receive a \$500 fine, while companies will receive a \$5000 fine.

39 3<sup>rd</sup> - After 6 months if they are still non-compliant any vehicle of theirs will be impounded, families/individuals will  
40 be fined \$1000 dollars, while companies will be sued by the State for non-compliance.

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42 Section 8: This bill will be implemented over a period of 5 years. The first for the creation of REMACO, and the  
43 other 4 to gradually bring the fees up to their total cost.