

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Red Bill # HB 22						
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- 1 An act to allow a prisoner serving a life or death sentence to choose a physician assisted lethal injection
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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 intention of this bill is to allow inmates with a life or death sentence to make the decision to
- 6 have a physician assisted lethal injection.
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- 8 Section 2: It is important to note that the death by lethal injection is completely the prisoners choice and in
- 9 no way is the lethal injection mandatory. It is certainly possible that no inmates will choose this option but it
- 10 allows inmates to make the choice of whether or not they desire to serve their sentence and live out their
- 11 remaining years in prison.
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- 13 Section 3: It is estimated that the price for a lethal injection is \$1,500 whereas the cost to house an inmate
- 14 one year in prison is between \$25,000 and \$50,000. This bill will decrease prison costs and in return save
- 15 tax payer money. Because Kentucky has previously used capital punishment, there will be little cost to
- 16 implement this bill.
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- 18 Section 4: Prisoners who choose this option will have an additional eight months before their execution
- 19 occurs to contemplate their decision.
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- 21 Section 5: As stated in KRS 216.302 Section 2 Subsection B it is illegal to assist another individual in their
- 22 attempt at suicide. This bill will add a new subsection that will allow all physicians assisting an inmate with a
- 23 physician-assisted suicide to be exempt from this law.
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- 25 Section 6: This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2015.