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## KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill

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House 1

Red | Bill # HB 45

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School: Franklin-Simpson Middle School	House	Senate
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City: Franklin	Defeated	Defeated

An act to require all coal companies to offer half mask respirators to their employees.

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

Section 1: Coal companies will be required to offer their employees to wear a reusable half mask respirator while working underground.

Section 2: A reusable half mask respirator is used to purify the air you are breathing, without having to refill cartridges for your mask.

Section 3: The state of Kentucky has 173 coal mining companies with 11,902 employees. An estimated 1,500 people die from pneumoconiosis (black lung disease) a year due to working in a coal mine.

Section 4: The consequences for not following this law are as follows:

1st offense: \$1,000 fine2nd offense: \$3,000 fine3rd offense: \$5,000 fine

4th offense: Coal company will be shut down until they have met all of the requirements of this law.

Section 5: The funding for this bill will come from the coal mining companies because they are the ones that will be purchasing the reusable half mask respirators.

Section 6: Inspectors from the Kentucky Department for Natural Resources are the ones that will be ones that will enforce this law.

Section 7: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby repealed.

Section 8: This law will go into effect starting June 1, 2014.