

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Premiere Bill</b>	<b>Red   Bill # SBP 19</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate 3</b>						
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1 An act to prohibit a driver from having in their lap any object which interferes with the driver's control of a  
2 vehicle.  
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4 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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6 Section I – Many people are distracted when driving and find that their mind is on something other than the  
7 road. Often, they take their eyes off the road, or their hands off the steering wheel, or worse, all three  
8 things happen at once.  
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10 Section II – In 2011, 3,331 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes involving a distracted driver, and an  
11 additional 387,000 people were injured. This bill aims to reduce distractions such as those caused by a pet  
12 riding in a driver's lap, unrestrained pets moving about in the front seats of a vehicle, or the use of electronic  
13 devices or other objects that divert a driver's attention from the road.  
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15 Section III – Definition – Distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from  
16 the primary task of driving. All distractions endanger driver, passenger, and bystander safety.  
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18 Section IV – Current law KRS 189.470 Obstruction to operator's view or control states:

19 (1) No person shall operate a vehicle when it is so loaded, or when there are in  
20 the front seat such number of persons, exceeding three (3), as to obstruct  
21 the view of the operator to the front or sides of the vehicle or as to interfere  
22 with the operator's control over the vehicle.

23 (2) No passenger in a vehicle or street car shall ride in such a position as to  
24 interfere with the operator's view ahead or to the sides, or to interfere with his  
25 control over the vehicle or street car.

26 Effective: October 1, 1942

27 History: Recodified 1942 Ky. Acts ch. 208, sec. 1, effective October 1, 1942, from Ky. Stat. sec. 2739g-69g.  
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29 Section V – Proposed Amendment to KRS 189.470:

30 "While operating a motor vehicle, no person shall hold in the person's lap, or allow to be in the operator's im