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## KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Premiere Bill

## **Referred to Committee:**House 1

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School: David T. Wilson Elementary School	House	Senate
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City: Brandenburg	☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated

An act to ban the purchase of energy drinks to persons under the age of eighteen.

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

Section 1: Presently in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, there are no restrictions on the purchase of energy drinks. These drinks usually contain excessive amounts of caffeine and other additives, such as Taurine, Gingseng and Carnitine that act as stimulants. These additives can be dangerous and cause various health risks ranging from high blood pressure, heart disease and even death when consumed by teenagers. This bill will ban the sale of energy drinks to anyone under the age of 18.

Section 2: This law will require proof of age to purchase an energy drink. A government issued form of identification must be shown to verify the age of anyone appearing to be under the age of 18.

Section 3: All retail businesses must provide a warning label or posted sign at the shelf location of these drinks. The sign will state that a person must be 18 or older in order to purchase these drinks.

Section 4: Businesses will be fined for failure to prevent underage purchases. The store will be required to pay a penalty of \$150 for each individual person caught making an illegal purchase of an energy drink.

Section 5: There will be no funding required for the passage of this bill. This ban will be implemented by local law enforcement agencies.

Section 6: This bill will go into affect on the first day of July following passage when the Kentucky fiscal year begins.