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An act to prohibit pregnant women to buy cigarettes and alcohol.

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

Section 1: Many babies die and are born with birth defects due to the consumption of alcohol and cigarettes of women who are pregnant.

Section 2: Women who take drugs, drink alcohol, and smoke cigarettes while pregnant could make themselves and their babies very sick. Smoking and drinking mothers often give birth to "drug babies." These babies could have birth defects and even be stillborn. DPH data 26.7% of Kentucky's pregnant women smoke compared to 12.4 percent nationally. A mother's alcohol use during pregnancy is one of the top preventable causes of birth defects and developmental disabilities known as fetal alcohol spectrum disorders and include fetal alcohol syndrome. The proportion among the substance abuse treatment clients has increased over the past decade. Some other consequences of smoking and drinking while pregnant are heart attacks, strokes, and seizures. Some findings show that women who use cocaine, smoke, and drink alcohol give birth to babies who persist in to early adolescences.

Section 3: Women who know that smoking and drinking while pregnant could severely harm their babies but they continue to do it anyway.

Section 4: The purpose of this bill is to save as many lives as we can and cut down on the risk of birth defects and brain damage to the babies.

Section 5: The costs of this bill will be \$12. The woman will have to get a new ID with a certain code informing the cashier that she is pregnant. When the women goes to the doctor and she is pregnant, the doctor will give her a slip of paper with an expiration date for 3 weeks on it stating that she is pregnant. She will take that paper to the place where she gets her ID and it will show that she needs a new ID that has that certain code on it. If the woman goes back to the doctor for her regular check-up and the date has expired and she still does not have a new ID, she should be fined \$50 dollars the first 3 weeks, \$75 for the next 2 weeks, and increasing each time by \$25. If the woman stops going to the doctor, she will get a letter in the mail stating that she has two weeks to get the new ID and come to the doctor or she will be fined \$500 and the bill will be sent in the mail.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect one month after it is passed.