	Red Bill # SB 36
the KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Referred to Committee: Senate 2
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School: Shelby East/West Middle School and Martha Layne Collins High School	House Senate
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An act to Limit the Use of Furosemide on Horses Being Raced in Kentucky

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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: Furosemide is a drug used to control bleeding in the lungs of horses to prevent and reduce EIPH
6	(exercise induced pulmonary hemorrhage). Statistics show that 92% of race horses in North America are
7	given furosemide before a race. Some critics say that furosemide is used to mask other drugs to enhance a
8	horse's performance. However, statistics also show that 60% of sudden death in racehorses are caused by
9	EIPH and can be prevented by administering furosemide before racing. Banning the use of furosemide would
10	not be healthy for race horses, but limiting its use will ensure that performance enhancing drugs are not
11	masked by furosemide and the horses are protected against EIPH. This is important legislation for Kentucky
12	because horse racing is a large part of our economy.
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14	Section 2: The purpose of this bill is to prevent the sudden deaths of race horses in Kentucky by allowing
15	the use of furosemide on race days, while also ensuring that performance enhancing drugs are not used.
16	Furosemide will only be administered by state veterinarians employed by the Kentucky Horse Racing
17	Commission. The doses will be administered 4 hours before the race and will ensure that the only drug given
18	to a horse close to the start of the race is furosemide.
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Section 3: Violations of the race-day drug limitations would result in disqualification and forfeiture of purse money, and trainers or veterinarians would face license suspensions and fines up to 60 days for the first offense. Additionally for the second offense the horse owner, trainer and veterinarian will be banned from participating in racing for 1 year. At the third offense the owner, trainer and veterinarian will receive a lifetime ban from racing.

26 Section 4: This bill will take effect on January 1, 2014.