KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Premiere Bill**	**Red | Bill # P11** **Referred to Committee: Senate 2**
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An act to illegalize tobacco use of people under the age of 18

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

Section 1: Kentucky is the main provider of tobacco in the United States, with this title comes the challenges of underage tobacco use. Tobacco use under the age of 18 is not punishable by law in the state of Kentucky; but selling tobacco to a minor or giving tobacco to a minor is considered a crime in the state on Kentucky.

Section 2: 119,000 people will die yearly in Kentucky due to smoking that started as a child. This bill would make use of tobacco underage illegal, with the same punishments as underage drinking which is, if eligible for a drivers license a 30 day to 6 month suspension, a $100 to $500 dollar fine. If the minor or the family cannot pay the fine they will have to do 20 hours of community service.

Section 3: 50% of the money made from fines will go to the Kentucky state government, and the other 50% will go to research for lung cancer.

Section 4: This bill would allow a police officer to stop a minor that is using or in possession of tobacco, and take him/her into custody.

Section 5: If this bill is passed, it will go into effect January 1st 2015.