

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Premiere Bill	Red Bill # P18						
	Referred to Committee: House 2						
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School: Villa Madonna Academy							
City: Villa Hills							

1 An act to Raise the Price of Tobacco and Raise Awareness about Smoking in Kentucky

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

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5 Justification Clause: In 2012, 25.2% of Kentucky adults (age 18+) -over 822,000 people- were cigarette
6 smokers. Kentucky is ranked 49th among all states in prevalence of smoking with 25.2% of all adults.
7 According to Kentucky HealthOne, lung cancer killed more Kentuckians in 2013 than any of the other eight
8 common cancers. Kentucky leads the nation in both lung cancer incidents and deaths, with an incident rate
9 of 80 per 100,000. Kentucky's death rate is 75 per 100,000, which is well above the national average of 55
10 per 100,000. Kentucky's tax on tobacco is 60 cents per cigarette pack, making a price of \$4.96. While in
11 New York it's a 16% increase with a total price of \$14.26. To conclude, if Kentucky farmers don't make
12 enough gross revenue, they can sell their product to the third world.

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14 Section 1: This act will raise the tax on tobacco in Kentucky by 25%. This will help the farmers gain more
15 money and with the higher price of cigarettes, many people will not be able to afford the cigarettes thus
16 lowering the smoking and lung cancer rates.

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18 Section 2: Since more revenue, will be brought in with the act, the money will go to an organization such as
19 Kentucky Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program. The Senate and the House of Representatives will
20 approve any further organizations who apply.

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22 Section 3: This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2015 if passed.