KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Legislative Bill**	**Red | Bill # 38** **Referred to Committee:** **House 2**
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School: Taylor Co. HS	**House** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated **Senate** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Campbellsville	

An act to prevent abuse of the elderly

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

Section 1: Elder abuse is defined as intentional actions that cause harm or create a serious risk of (regardless of whether harm was intended) to a vulnerable elder by a caregiver or other person who stands in a trust relationship to the elderly person. This includes neglect, physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, and financial exploitation.

Section 2: Under this bill, an elderly person shall be defined as any person who is at least 65 years of age.

Section 3: An Elder Abuse Registry (EAR) shall be created and maintained by the Kentucky Department for Public Health.

Section 4: Any Person charged with any form of elder abuse will automatically have their criminal charge raised one degree if the crime is not already in the first degree.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2015