

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Blue Bill # 19						
	Referred to Committee: Senate 3						
Authors: Shelbi Watkins, Tristan Deering, Morgan Kannapel	Action on the Bill						
School: Grayson Co. HS							
City: Leitchfield							
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1 An act to offer magnets designating permitted drivers that regulate following distance for those following
2 permitted drivers.

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

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6 Section 1: Kentucky uses the Graduated Licensing Program as a system to ensure the readiness of drivers
7 before they can drive alone. The permit phase of the program lasts 180 days and drivers must drive with a
8 licensed adult over the age of 21.

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10 Section 2: Tailgating is the practice of following a vehicle in front of you too closely, at a distance which
11 does not guarantee that stopping to avoid collision is possible. Although tailgating is illegal in the state of
12 Kentucky, some young drivers still feel other drivers are driving too closely.

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14 Section 3: The goal of this bill is to require a greater following distance when following permitted drivers.
15 When teens pass their permit test, they be given the option to acquire a magnet to place on the back of the
16 vehicle to designate the vehicle as being driven by a young driver. When the driver goes for their
17 intermediate test, they must return the magnet. Currently, the required following distance behind any vehicle
18 is at least 15 feet. With this magnet, the required following distance is extended to at least 30 feet (or 3
19 seconds) behind permitted drivers.

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21 Section 4: This bill will be enforced by the Kentucky State Police. The following distance will be enforced like
22 other traffic regulations. Officers will recognize permitted driving magnets and pull over vehicles traveling
23 closer than 30 feet.

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25 Section 5: The penalty for following less than 30 feet behind permitted drivers will be:
26 First Offense: \$250 fine
27 Second Offense: \$500 fine and 60 day license suspension
28 Third Offense: 180 day license suspension and traffic school

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30 Section 6: Funding for the magnets will come from the Kentucky Department of Transportation. The
31 additional ticketing of offenders will be enough to compensate for the price of magnets.

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33 Section 7: This bill will go into effect June 1, 2015.