

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill</b>	<b>Red   Bill # 30</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate 5</b>						
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1 An act to increase county budgets through means of taxing specific non-essential items.

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

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5 Section 1: It is proposed that all county budgets shall be increased. The winter of 2013/14 resulted in a  
6 large increase in county spending. Across the state, counties spent more than expected on extra road salt,  
7 county worker overtime, etc. This left little money to deal with the failing infrastructure plaguing the  
8 Commonwealth. To coat one mile of a blacktop road, it costs roughly \$70,000. Most small counties have an  
9 average budget of 5 million dollars. In some regions a portion of the budget comes from coal severance  
10 money, which is expected to diminish within the next 5 years.

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12 Section 2: The money for this increase in budget shall come from an increase in taxes on non-essential  
13 items such as tobacco products and alcoholic beverages. Current taxes for most tobacco products is 15  
14 cents of their actual price, except snuff is 19 cents per 1 ½ pound and chewing tobacco is 65 cents per  
15 pound. Alcohol has a wholesale tax rate of 11% and an excise taxes of 8.0645%. Tobacco taxes accounted  
16 for 299 million dollars of revenue in 2011 while alcohol taxes accounted for 113 million dollars in 2011.  
17 Raising all of these taxes by 5% would result in approximately 120 million dollars. This extra revenue would  
18 be distributed evenly among the counties. This would result in each county's annual budget increasing by 1  
19 million dollars.

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21 Section 3: This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2015.