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An act to make the S.T.A.R. program mandatory throughout the state

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

Section 1: The Server Training in Alcohol Regulations (S.T.A.R.) program is an educational conference operated by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, which teaches its students a variety of alcohol safety subjects such as awareness of fake identification and underage drinking. It is a course that is offered state wide, but is currently only required in 33 cities and counties around the state. Herein we propose it be required in every city or county in the state where it is legal for alcohol to be sold ("wet" areas), for every employee who works in a business that sells alcohol. The must have a certificate proving they took the program, and it must be signed by the local official representing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. The certificate is good for 5 years before it must be refreshed. However, if they quit their job in an alcohol-selling business and move to another career where alcohol is not present, if they choose to come back to their former career, even if it is still within the 5 year window, the certificate must still be refreshed. When a person is hired to such a business (like a liquor store), after their first day of work, if they have not already taken the course, they have 2 weeks to complete the course. If necessary for them to work without certification, they must be on duty with someone who has had the class at all times.

Section 2: Training sessions for the program would be held preferably in a government building, such as a courthouse, or wherever the local ordinance deems appropriate. They will be held for four hours, and year-round on a frequency based off of how many applicants for the program they have in that area. The more applicants there are, the more often classes will be held.

Section 3: The program is self-funded, as every student enrolled in the program pays an entrance fee of \$35. This covers the cost of materials, and of holding the class itself, so it will not require funding from the state budget. If anyone who must take the class cannot afford the \$35, it can be considered work expenses and they may be reimbursed for the cost.

Section 4: Should anyone be found working in a business that sells alcohol and they have NOT taken part in at least 1 session of the S.T.A.R. program, the business will be fined a minimum of \$300 (such as a first time offender), and maximum of \$1,000 (a more likely amount for a repeat offender). After being fined and told to take the program more than 4 times, the perpetrator may no longer be employed and the business's license to sell alcohol will be suspended. If the business is on the brink of being fined, should the person choose to quit their job or are fired, the business will not be fined.

Section 5: This bill would go into effect 90 days after its passing, as it is imperative that employees become educated on the subject of drinking safety as soon as possible.