

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Premiere Bill	Red Bill # P30						
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1 An act to increase the age of the Safe Haven Law from 72 to 90 days.
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3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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6 Section 1: Within 90 days of birth, the parent(s) and/or guardian(s) can relinquish their parental rights and
7 responsibilities over the child by leaving the child at one of the designated locations: a hospital, other
8 medical facility, fire station, or police station. This age frame will provide ample time for parents to relinquish
9 their rights without getting charged or prosecuted and save more lives of children.
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11 Section 2: 35 infants between the ages of 0-72 hours have been saved in Kentucky as of 2002 as result of
12 the Safe Haven Law. In 2012, 3,810 abortions were performed. Nationwide, at least 161 babies have been
13 abandoned while 103 were found dead. By increasing the age range to 90 days, more lives can be saved as
14 result of the new addition to the Safe Haven Law. Fewer murders of newborns would occur and it would
15 provide more opportunities to distressed parents. These lives can be saved by better prevention of abortion
16 and child abandonment.
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18 Section 3: By leaving the child unharmed at one of the designated areas, the parent(s) and/or guardian(s)
19 give up their parental rights and responsibilities. The parents can legally and anonymously do so without
20 being charged or prosecuted of criminal acts such as, but not limited to, child negligence, and child
21 abandonment.
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23 Section 4: If the child, after being dropped off to one of the approved designated locations and personnel, is
24 assessed and found to have been abused or harmed in any way, the provisions of section 1 and section 3
25 shall not apply. If this is the case, all other laws will be imposed and practiced such as criminal charges
26 including, but not limited to, child negligence, child abandonment, and child abuse as determined fit.
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28 Section 5: No additional costs are required for the enactment of this bill.
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30 Section 6: This bill will go into effect as of January 1, 2015.