KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Premiere Bill**	**Red | Bill # P7** **Referred to Committee: House 2**
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An act to legalize casino gambling in the state of Kentucky

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

Section 1: Casinos are not yet legalized in Kentucky. This act will create opportunities for jobs and revenue in the state of Kentucky. Gambling provides over 300,000 jobs in the United States, and is a major source of income for states that are allowing casinos. Kentucky's unemployment rate as of September 2014 is approximately 6.7%. This is .8% more than the average national unemployment rate. 134,132 people are unemployed in Kentucky. The new casinos can bring in enough jobs to employ a portion of these people.

Section 2: The initial number of casinos in Kentucky will be limited to nine casinos because of the high initial costs and based on the average number of casinos in other states. If needed, the quantity may decrease or increase in the future.

Section 3: Casinos will be enforced with local law enforcement and security. Law enforcement and security officers will handle any issues in the casino.

Section 4: Funding casinos in Kentucky will raise the tax revenue so that more money can be funded to schools and new job opportunities for Kentucky residents.

Section 5: This act will take effect on January 1 of 2016. Construction of the casinos will be allowed to start immediately after the bill takes effect.