

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Blue Bill # 20						
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1 An act to require a vision check with a minimum visual acuity of 20/40 for driver's license renewal.

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

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5 Section 1: This bill will require citizens to pass a basic vision check administered by the Department of Motor

6 Vehicles in their county with a visual acuity of 20/40 or better for driver's license renewal. In most

7 situations, this vision check will occur every five years.

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9 Section 2: It goes without saying, that the ability to see clearly plays a vital role in driving safety. In fact,

10 vision provides 85% of the information necessary to operate a motor vehicle. However, the current

11 requirements only mandate that a person first applying for his or her driver's license to pass a vision test.

12 Additional vision testing is only required if a person's license is suspended longer than a year. This means

13 that the majority of Kentucky's drivers only had to pass a vision test at the age of 16 to obtain and renew

14 their license. Research has proven that vision deteriorates with age which should raise a red flag about

15 Kentucky's current policies.

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17 Section 3: The circuit clerk office in each county would administer the vision test for driver's license renewals.

18 The cost would be minimal or zero since the resources are already in place for first time applicants. There

19 would be no penalty or additional requirements if the vision test was not passed, but the driver's license

20 could not be renewed. This law would be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Motor Vehicles.

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22 Section 4: Upon passage, this law would go into effect January 1st, 2016.