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## KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Premiere Bill

## Referred to Committee:

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1	An act to Create Harsher Penalties on Animal Abusers or Those That Abuse Animals.
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: Any adult or minor found abusing an animal will be punished whether they own the animal or not.
6	Minors found abusing animals will have different consequences than adults detailed in section 4.
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8	Section 2: Kentucky has been in the top 5 states for animal abuse for the past 7 years. Every year, 4-5
9	million animals are abused in the state of Kentucky. The main reason Kentucky has so much animal abuse is
10	because the laws regarding animal abuse only require the owner to have food and shelter for the animal.
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12	Section 3: The police and local animal control can patrol the neighborhoods looking for animal abuse.
13	Witnesses can also report sightings of animal abuse.
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15	Section 4:
16	The first offense for adults- \$50 to \$100 fine and/or full coverage of the pet's medical bills.
17	Second offense- \$100 to \$300 fine, full coverage of pet's medical bills, and the animal taken away for 10 to
18	60 days.
19	Third offense- \$150 to \$500 fine, complete coverage of pet's medical bills, animal removed from the home,
20	and no new animals in the home for 2 to 5 years.
21	Minors caught abusing animals will have to do community service at a local animal shelter or humane
22	society. The number of hours will be based on the severity of the abuse.
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