

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Premiere Bill</b>	<b>Red   Bill # P24</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate 1</b>						
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1                   An act to license and regulate the commercial dog breeding industry in Kentucky.

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

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5   Section 1: There is currently no legislation regulating commercial breeding of dogs. Upon passage of this bill, all  
6 commercial breeding kennels will be licensed by the KY Dept of Agriculture. A commercial breeding kennel will be  
7 defined as a facility that breeds more than 20 dogs in a 12 month period. Theses facilities will be inspected prior  
8 to being given a license. The breeders must provide cages that are at least 12 inches wider than the width of the  
9 dog in each direction for their entire lives. The dogs must have constant access to outdoor exercise runs and must  
10 have annual veterinary exams. Commercial breeders will be prohibited from the use of wire flooring in the cages  
11 and stacking cages on one another. The commercial breeding kennels will be inspected twice a year without prior  
12 notice. Inspections will be videotaped for documentation.

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14   Section 2: The Department of Agriculture will be responsible for the licensing and inspections of all facilities.  
15 Additional employees will be hired to complete these responsibilities.

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17   Section 3: Funding will come from the Department of Agriculture and will be provided through the charge of  
18 licensing fees and penalties paid.

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20   Section 4: If violations are discovered during an inspection, the kennel will have 30 days to pay a \$500 fine and  
21 correct the violations. Once the 30 days has expired, the facility will then be re-inspected. Continued violations  
22 will result in a \$2000 fine. The kennel will have 30 additional days to pay this fine and make the corrections, or  
23 the facility will be closed down. The kennel owners will still be required to pay the fine if their kennel is shut down.

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25   Section 5: Unlicensed kennels will be given a penalty of \$500 for each day it operates in violation of this act by  
26 not being licensed. If the kennel does not become licensed within 30 days, it will be shut down and face criminal  
27 charges.

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29   Section 6: If neglect or mistreatment of dogs is found during any inspection, the kennel will be shut down  
30 immediately, and the dogs will be removed from the facility. Owners may face criminal charges under the Animal  
31 Welfare Act.

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33   Section 7: This bill will take effect 12 months after its passage to allow for the hiring of employees to conduct  
34 inspections and regulate licensing. This time will also allow for current breeding facilities to make necessary  
35 changes and become licensed.