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KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Premiere Bill

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Referred to Committee: House 4

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School: Russell Co. MS	House	Senate
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City: Russell Springs	Defeated	Defeated

An act to relegate all tobacco sales in the state of Kentucky to tobacco-specific stores and/or outlets.

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

Section 1: The purpose of this bill is to reduce the amount of access that Kentucky minors have to tobaccorelated products. Every time a minor steps into a gas station or a grocery store, they are inundated with tobacco-based items. This bill would force all tobacco sales to be restricted to tobacco-only stores and outlets.

Section 2: According to the Campaign for Tobacco–Free Kids, every day, more than 2800 kids under the age of 18 try their first cigarette. The National Survey on Drug Use and Health also reports that more than 80% of all adult smokers begin before the legal age of 18. As we know, using tobacco products can lead to severe illnesses and even death. Therefore, we are proposing making it even harder for kids to ever start this disabling habit by removing them from the commercial mainstream altogether.

Section 3: This bill would require all tobacco products to be sold at tobacco-only type stores and outlets. It would require no government funding. Any business found not to be in compliance with this bill upon being signed into law would be written one notice. Upon review after sixty (60) days, any establishment that has not liquidated their tobacco inventory will lose their commercial license.

Section 4: This bill will go into law on July 1, 2015.