

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill</p>	Blue Bill # 1						
	Referred to Committee: House 1						
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1 An Act to raise the legal age to buy tobacco products from the age of 18 to the age of 21.
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3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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5 Section 1: The Commonwealth of Kentucky currently ranks highest in the United States on percentage of
6 adults smoking with 29% and seventh in smokeless tobacco use in adults with 7% of adults using smokeless
7 tobacco. Kentucky ranks first in both smoking and smokeless tobacco use in youths grades 9-12. Our
8 youths use more tobacco products than any other state in the United States. For most of that age group, it
9 is illegal for them to use or possess the products in any way. This is not a first place rank we want to have in
10 Kentucky. In most of today's schools, students age 18 are usually juniors or seniors. This creates a serious
11 conflict of interest in many schools systems. Students are not allowed to use tobacco products on school
12 premises according one state statute and are allowed to buy and use tobacco products in everyday life
13 according to another state statute. This conflict of interest should be changed to the greater of the ages,
14 with would make the new legal age 21 years of age to buy and use tobacco products legally.
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16 Section 2: By changing the age to buy and use tobacco legally to the age of 21, would greatly help the
17 problems of teens tobacco use in our state. With current law, 18 years olds are in the same social circles
18 with other high school age students as young as 13 years of age. 18 year old juniors and seniors who can
19 legally buy tobacco could be taking it out to the vehicle or to school to younger age students. Changing the
20 legal age to 21, would change this occurrence and take away the conflict of interest in Kentucky schools.
21 Limiting the social circles that would include so many young students.
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23 Section 3: This bill will not require any additional funding to implement. Advertisement of the law will be done
24 through free public service announcements through Kentucky media sources.
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26 Section 4: Vendors who fail to abide by the new law will be fined not less than \$1,000 dollars and not more
27 than \$2,500 dollars per violation. Violations of three or more could result in loss of tobacco sales license.
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29 Section 5: The bill will go into effect 4 months after it is passed.