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An act to place a 15% tax on fast food deemed unhealthy in the state of Kentucky.

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

Section 1: Kentucky is currently the 5th most obese state in the United States, with 34.6% of adults suffering from obesity. In order to solve this problem this bill would place a 15% tax on all fast food deemed unhealthy by the Kentucky health department to try and push customers to choose healthier options.

Section 2: Businesses deemed to be a fast food restaurant by the Kentucky department of public health's obesity prevention program will be required to add the 15% tax to all unhealthy food options.

Section 3: Businesses will be required to send their menu to the Kentucky department for public health listing the nutrition facts and ingredients of each item on their menu. If a business alters their menu or changes the ingredients on an existing menu they must send the updated menu to the department of public health before they can begin selling the item(s). Should a business be found not in compliance they will be fined \$100,000 dollars for each restaurant open in Kentucky.

Section 4: The money generated from this bill would be used to pay for expenses in Kentucky, provide a 10% tax break incentive the first year for new companies looking to invest in Kentucky and will fund the Kentucky Department for Public Health's Obesity Prevention Program.

Section 5: If passed this bill will go into effect 6 months after it has passed.