

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</b>	<b>Blue   CW 22</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate 2</b>						
<b>Sponsors:</b> Adam Wier, Thomas Woeste, Colten Crager, Dawson Spraggins	<b>Action on the Bill</b>						
<b>School:</b> Lexington Christian Academy							
<b>City:</b> Lexington							
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1 An Act relating to Imposing Stricter Laws On Operations Of Dog Breeding Facilities To Prevent Animal  
2 Cruelty During Breeding  
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4 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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6 Section 1: A plan by the Kentucky Youth Assembly to enforce stricter laws on animal breeders in order  
7 to prevent the neglect of the animals and the overpopulation of domestic pets in Kentucky. The lack of  
8 attention and improper breeding care experienced in the puppy mills results in many of the dogs having  
9 terrible physical conditions, emotional trauma, and possible genetic disorders.

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11 Section 2: The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals defines Puppy Mills as the  
12 large-scale commercial dog breeding operations where profit is placed above the well-being of animals.  
13 Bred without consideration of genetic quality, this produces generations of dogs with unchecked  
14 hereditary defects. Puppy Mills would be identified by having produced over fifty dogs in a six month  
15 period  
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17 Section 3: The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals estimates that there are  
18 almost 200 puppy mills in Kentucky, with an additional 9,800 scattered around the United States. Each  
19 mill contains hundreds of dogs born into terrible living conditions. Once a Puppy Mill is shut down, the  
20 dogs will be distributed to various adoption agencies and licensed breeders.  
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22 Section 4: The current punishment for animal cruelty and neglect in Kentucky is a Class A Misdemeanor.  
23 Breeders found guilty of having operated a Puppy Mill would receive a Class A Misdemeanor, resulting  
24 in the appropriated penalties and an additional loss of licensing to breed animals. If the breeder is  
25 found guilty of continuing the Puppy Mill in any capacity, they will be issued a Class D Felony.  
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27 Section 5: All breeding centers in the state of Kentucky would be required to register for a breeding  
28 license, permitting the breeding of a maximum of fifty dogs per six month period. Breeding licenses  
29 would be issued by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. Any breeding centers would also be  
30 required to register for a Kentucky business license.  
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32 Section 6: All licensed breeding centers would receive one mandatory visit per year from a  
33 representative of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. They would also receive random visits at  
34 undisclosed times throughout the year. The representative would decide whether the Breeding center  
35 passes required guidelines given by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.  
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37 Section 7: This law act would go into effect January 1, 2020.