

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</b>	<b>Red   CW 18</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: House 3</b>						
<b>Sponsors:</b> Olivia Montgomery, Breana Simpson, Nicholas Hounshell, Courtney Miles	<b>Action on the Bill</b>  <table> <tr> <td><b>House</b></td> <td><b>Senate</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> </tr> </table>	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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<b>School:</b> George Rogers Clark HS							
<b>City:</b> Winchester							

1 AN ACT relating to prevent the cruel punishment of dogs through the use of puppy mills

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

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5 Section 1: A puppy mill is an establishment that breeds dogs in a way that the dogs will sell for the  
6 highest price, typically disregarding the dog's overall well-being and placing it in inhumane conditions.  
7 In 2012, the HSUS (Humane Society of the United States) rated Kentucky as one of the five lowest-  
8 ranking states in America with regards to regulations of puppy mills. As of 2017, there are no state  
9 regulations that monitor breeding establishments. This act will place restrictions and establish fines on  
10 breeders for poor conditions in their kennels or cruel treatment of dogs.

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12 Section 2: This bill will require all breeding establishments to be licensed, as well as pay an initial fee of  
13 \$150 in their opening and a yearly fee of \$75. In addition, breeding establishments will be  
14 unexpectedly inspected approximately every 3 years. All breeding establishments should expect to be  
15 visited at least once within a three-year period by an inspector from the Kentucky Department of  
16 Agriculture.

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18 Section 3: The Kentucky Dept. of Agriculture will be the enforcement and licensing agency. Employees  
19 will be trained by this department to gain the ability to properly inspect breeding establishments.

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21 Section 4: Regulations for acquiring licensure and passing of inspection are:

- 22 • Proper food and water for each dog that insures they are nourished and healthy. Food and  
23 water should be easily accessible to the dog (unless the dog requires scheduled meals, in which  
24 it will still have access to water)
- 25 • A kennel size that is at least two times the size of the dog itself (Ex. A dog that is two feet tall  
26 will have a kennel that is four feet high)
- 27 • Clean kennels for each dog that is free of waste, including clean bedding
- 28 • Proper exercising space for all dogs (Ex. A field to run in and/or a play pen). Each dog should  
29 get the proper daily exercise for its breed.

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31 Section 5: Penalties for the violation of breeding regulations include: 1st offense: Fine of \$5,000 and  
32 the suspension of the breeder's license for six months 2nd offense: Fine of \$5,000 and the suspension  
33 of the breeder's license for 18 months 3rd offense: The revocation of the breeder's license, as well as a  
34 \$10,000 fine.

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36 Section 6: The additional cost that may be inflicted upon the Kentucky Department of Agriculture will  
37 be covered by the fees that breeding establishments must pay, as well as any money that comes from  
38 the violation of regulations.

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40 Section 7: This act will go into effect on August 26, 2018.