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KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

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Referred to Committee: House 6

Sponsors: McKenzie Moss, Ian Pitt, Ian Morgan	Action o	n the Bill
School: McCracken Co. HS	House	Senate
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City: Paducah	Defeated	Defeated

AN ACT relating to criminalizing beastiality

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

 Section 1: Our bill is aiming to make any sexual contact with an animal illegal. Beastiality, or the act of engaging in sexual intercourse with an animal, is legal in 10 states (Hawaii, Kentucky, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, Texas, Vermont, West Virginia and Wyoming, and the District of Columbia.) Our bill looks to join the 40 U.S. states that have already criminalized beastiality and have thorough punishments for violators.

Section 2: Without a bona fide veterinary or animal husbandry purpose, all forms of sexual contact would be made illegal. A person is guilty of sexual assault against an animal when he or she knowingly: (a) Engages in sexual contact with an animal; (b) Possesses, sells, transfers, or purchases or otherwise obtains an animal with the intent that it be subject to sexual contact; (c) Organizes, promotes, conducts, aids, abets, or participates in as an observer, an act involving any sexual contact with an animal; (d) Causes, aids, or abets another person to engage in sexual contact with an animal; (e) Permits sexual contact with an animal to be conducted on any premises under his or her charge or control; (f) Advertises, offers, or accepts the offer of an animal with the intent that it be used for sexual contact in this state; or (g) Forces a minor to engage in sexual contact with an animal or engages in sexual contact with an animal in the presence of a minor.

Section 3: Punishments for breaking the law would include a maximum of 1 year in prison and/or a fine of up to \$5000, require forfeiture of any animal affected to the state or to a custodian that supplies shelter, care, or medical treatment for the animal, require the defendant to reimburse the state or a custodian for all reasonable costs incurred in providing necessary shelter, care, veterinary attention, or medical treatment for any animal affected, prohibit or limit the defendant's ownership, possession, or custody of animals for up to 10 years, or all of the above

Section 4: This bill will go into effect immediately following passage.