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REPORT

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Representative Danny Ford (R-Rockcastle County) introduced HB 443 today. The important parts of the bill are as follow:

“The sale of energy drinks as defined in Section 2 of this act shall not be permitted to children under the age of eighteen (18) years of age.

Section (61) of the bill reads as follows: **“Energy drink” means a carbonated beverage that exceeds a caffeine content of seventy one (71) milligrams per twelve (12) ounce serving and contains taurine and glucuronolactone.**

I talked with Rep. Ford this morning and he indicates that he is sponsoring this bill for a constituent. You will recall that he filed this bill last year because a 14 year old boy had gotten an energy drink and indicated that it caused him to have heart palpitations. Rep. Ford indicates to me that he definitely wants to have a hearing on this bill before committee. The bill has been introduced and has not been assigned to a committee as yet.

We need to make contact with your legislators and work to get this bill set aside. Once the bill is assigned to a committee, we can pursue legislators on the committee who have an interest. Let our office know of any responses you may get from your legislator.

Thanks.

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