Summary of
2021 RS
BR 160

- Pertains to OHVs - side by side ATVs with steering wheel, seat belts, head lights, etc…

- Defines regional authority as the KY Mountain Regional Recreation Authority and any other authority **established in Kentucky Revised Statutes** that oversees lands in 2 or more contiguous counties on which there is a system of trails, etc…

- Specifies that **only** a local government **that is located within the boundaries of a regional authority**, may pass an ordinance allowing OHVs on roadways under its jurisdiction

- Allows a local government to petition the Cabinet to include portions of state highways in their jurisdiction

- Requires the Cabinet to respond to the local government within 30 days

- If a state roadway is approved, it shall be included in the local government's OHV ordinance

- Prohibits OHV operation on a fully controlled access highway.

- Allows a local government to access an annual fee of $30 for a KY resident and $50 for a nonresident
  - $5 of the fee shall be forwarded to the regional authority and $5 to the Cabinet
  - Annual permits expire April 1 of each year

- The local government may:
  - Establish an online issuance system for the sale of OHV permits
  - Contract with a regional authority for OHV permit issuance
  - Contract with a private vendor for OHV permit issuance

- Requires OHVs to be insured in the same form and amounts as motorcycles

- Any passenger under 18 shall be required to wear a helmet

- Creates reciprocity between local governments that have passed OHV ordinances

- In regards to the placement of signage:

    o The cabinet shall be responsible for signage on state roadways

    o The local government shall be responsible for signage on

- If deemed in the interest of public safety, gives the Cabinet the authority to prohibit the operation of

  OHVs on any public highway that crosses a state highway or any state highway.

*As of today, the KY Regional Mountain Authority is the only regional authority established in statute.