

# Addressing the Penalties for Motor Vehicle Racing

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Judiciary (H)



# What is HB465?

*Proposal to increase penalties for motor vehicle racing...*

## FIRST OFFENSE:

- Increases fines for street racing from **less than \$200** to **\$1000**
- Impounds the convicted racer's vehicle for >6 months

## SECOND OFFENSE:

- Raises penalty to fine of **\$2000** (or/and up to 30 days imprisonment)
- Forfeits vehicle to state for **crushing** or **auction** (if auction, money is sent to the **Crime Victims Compensation Board**)

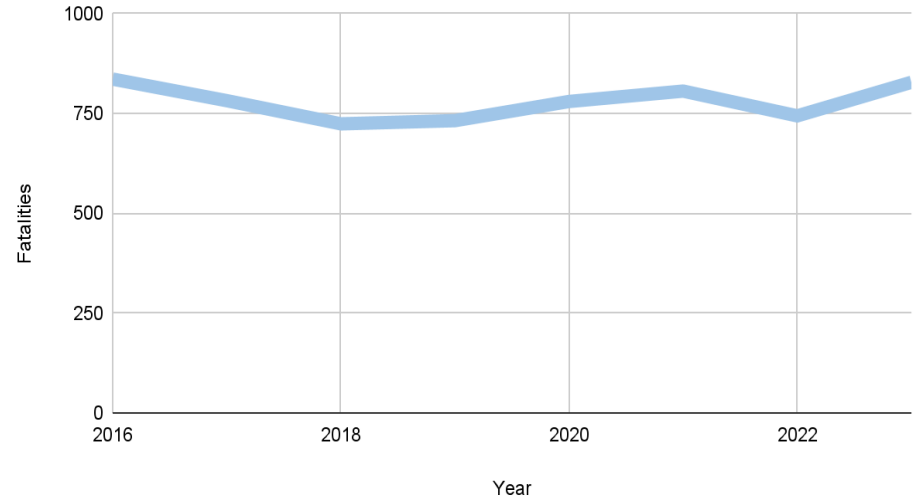


# KY Statistics

→ KY traffic fatalities increased by 30% (2013-2023), **higher than the national average** since 2009

→ 2023 saw the **most** tragic deaths (828) resulting from car accidents since 2016 (834)

KY TRAFFIC DEATHS



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[\(Kentucky Transportation Cabinet 2023 Release\)](#)



# How Is Racing Involved?

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports amount of **deaths** from **speeding-related accidents** increased by **21%** (2018-2023) ([2023 Annual Report](#))

→ In 2022, Louisville Metro Council increased street racing fines and impoundments

→ In 2023, Metro Council claimed to find **impoundment** (rather than fines) to be a “greater deterrent” ([WHAS11](#))



# Why Forfeiture?

→ Concerns that fines fail to deter those who can afford them

→ KY “no fault” car insurance system results in less aggressive penalties for reckless drivers ([Cooper&Friedman](#))

→ Forfeiting and selling impounded vehicles provides justice for racing victims



# Comparatively...

## CURRENTLY:

→ All states (and the US Marshals Service) may auction impounded vehicles. Proceeds are used to support victims and maintain law enforcement agencies. ([USMS](#))

→ California reports positive results after enacting forfeiture policy ([ASU](#))

## IN PROGRESS (2025 BILLS):

→ At least 7 states have proposed harsher penalties for speeding

→ IN, NY, and HI specifically advocating for **forfeiture**

([NCSL](#))