

**CHAPTER 91**  
**( HB 29 )**

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 189.503 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) As used in this section:
  - (a) "County roads" has the same meaning as in KRS 178.010(1)(b);
  - (b) "Local government" means any city, county, urban-county government, consolidated local government, charter county government, or unified local government of the Commonwealth;
  - (c) "Participant" means any person who drives or maintains a motor vehicle used in a racing event;
  - (d) "Racing event" means a motor vehicle race which is sanctioned by a nationally or internationally recognized racing organization and includes preparations, practices, and qualifications for the race; and
  - (e) "Streets" has the same meaning as in KRS 177.365(4).
- (2) A local government may provide permits to allow a racing event within its jurisdiction:
  - (a) On county roads;
  - (b) On streets;
  - (c) ***On state-maintained highways in accordance with subsection (7) of this section;*** or
  - ~~(d)(e)~~ At airports, subject to approval from the relevant airport board.
- (3) A local government may charge an applicant for a permit under this section:
  - (a) An application fee not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000); and
  - (b) The cost of any expenses incurred by the local government to facilitate the racing event.
- (4) A local government that issues a permit for a racing event shall ensure the applicant for the permit has:
  - (a) Adequate insurance to pay any damages incurred because of loss or injury to any person or property;
  - (b) Adequate security, emergency services, and necessary facilities provided during the racing event; and
  - (c) The ability to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the local government, the race participants, and those attending the racing event.
- (5) For the facilitation of a racing event sanctioned under this section, a local government may:
  - (a) Temporarily close roads, streets, ***highways***, alleys, sidewalks, and airport runways;
  - (b) Reroute pedestrian and motor vehicle traffic; and
  - (c) Waive local ordinances and traffic regulations.
- (6) No less than sixty (60) days prior to a scheduled racing event, a local government shall provide written notice to the Transportation Cabinet of any racing event permit issued under this section. The written notice shall include:
  - (a) The time, date, and location of the racing event;
  - (b) The nationally or internationally recognized racing organization sponsoring the event;
  - (c) A road closure plan that specifies the streets, roads, ***highways***, alleys, sidewalks, and airport runways that will be temporarily closed or obstructed during the racing event;
  - (d) A traffic control plan that specifies the on-site traffic controls and detour routes to be used during the racing event; ~~and~~

- (e) The names and phone numbers of emergency and law enforcement contacts overseeing the racing event; *and*
  - (f) *If applicable, a request to cross or use a portion of a state-maintained highway as part of the route in accordance with subsection (7) of this section.*
- (7) The route of a racing event under this section *that uses or crosses* ~~shall not use or cross~~ any state-maintained highway *shall be subject to prior approval by the Transportation Cabinet.*
- (8) So long as the participants adhere to all requirements and regulations set forth by the nationally or internationally recognized racing organization sponsoring the racing event, participants in a racing event under this section shall be exempt from all vehicle equipment and operation standards of this chapter.

➔Section 2. KRS 189.505 is amended to read as follows:

No person shall engage upon any street or highway in motor vehicle racing, drag racing, or any other form of competition involving motor vehicles, *except racing events permitted under Section 1 of this Act.*

**Signed by Governor April 5, 2024.**