

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicle racing.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 189 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) As used in this section:*

6 *(a) "Local government" means any city, county, urban-county government,*
7 *consolidated local government, charter county government, or unified local*
8 *government of the Commonwealth;*

9 *(b) "Participant" means any person who drives or maintains a motor vehicle*
10 *used in a racing event;*

11 *(c) "County roads" has the same meaning as in KRS 178.010(1)(b);*

12 *(d) "Streets" has the same meaning as in KRS 177.365(4); and*

13 *(e) "Racing event" means a motor vehicle race which is sanctioned by a*
14 *nationally or internationally recognized racing organization and includes*
15 *preparations, practices, and qualifications for the race.*

16 *(2) A local government may provide permits to allow a racing event within its*
17 *jurisdiction:*

18 *(a) On county roads;*

19 *(b) On streets; or*

20 *(c) At airports, subject to approval from the relevant airport board.*

21 *(3) A local government may charge an applicant for a permit under this section:*

22 *(a) An application fee not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000); and*

23 *(b) The cost of any expenses incurred by the local government to facilitate the*
24 *racing event.*

25 *(4) A local government that issues a permit for a racing event shall ensure the*
26 *applicant for the permit has:*

27 *(a) Adequate insurance to pay any damages incurred because of loss or injury*

1 to any person or property;

2 (b) Adequate security, emergency services, and necessary facilities provided
3 during the racing event; and

4 (c) The ability to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the
5 local government, the race participants, and those attending the racing
6 event.

7 (5) For the facilitation of a racing event sanctioned under this section, a local
8 government may:

9 (a) Temporarily close roads, streets, alleys, sidewalks, and airport runways;

10 (b) Reroute pedestrian and motor vehicle traffic; and

11 (c) Waive local ordinances and traffic regulations.

12 (6) No less than sixty (60) days prior to a scheduled racing event, a local government
13 shall provide written notice to the Transportation Cabinet of any racing event
14 permit issued under this section. The written notice shall include:

15 (a) The time, date, and location of the racing event;

16 (b) The nationally or internationally recognized racing organization sponsoring
17 the event;

18 (c) A road closure plan that specifies the streets, roads, alleys, sidewalks, and
19 airport runways that will be temporarily closed or obstructed during the
20 racing event;

21 (d) A traffic control plan that specifies the on-site traffic controls and detour
22 routes to be used during the racing event; and

23 (e) The names and phone numbers of emergency and law enforcement contacts
24 overseeing the racing event.

25 (7) The route of a racing event under this section shall not use or cross any state
26 maintained highway.

27 (8) A local government that issues a permit under this section shall not be liable for

1 any damages that may result from the racing event of loss or injury to persons or
2 property. After a permit is issued, the Commonwealth shall not be liable for any
3 damages that may result from the racing event of loss or injury to persons or
4 property.

5 (9) So long as the participants adhere to all requirements and regulations set forth by
6 the nationally or internationally recognized racing organization sponsoring the
7 racing event, participants in a racing event under this section shall be exempt
8 from all vehicle equipment and operation standards of this chapter.