

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) Identification of all points at which the racing event route will cross any  
22 state-maintained highway;

23 (e) A traffic control plan that specifies the on-site traffic controls and detour  
24 routes to be used during the racing event; and

25 (f) The names and phone numbers of emergency and law enforcement contacts  
26 overseeing the racing event.

27 (7) The Transportation Cabinet shall have final approval over any planned route for

1        a racing event that crosses any street or road controlled by the Transportation  
2        Cabinet.

3        (8) A local government that issues a permit under this section shall not be liable for  
4        any damages that may result from the racing event of loss or injury to persons or  
5        property. After a permit is issued, the Commonwealth shall not be liable for any  
6        damages that may result from the racing event of loss or injury to persons or  
7        property.

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