

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles.

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

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

4 (1) As used in this section:

5 (a) "County roads" has the same meaning as in KRS 178.010(1)(b);

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

11 (d) "Racing event" means a motor vehicle race which is sanctioned by a  
12 nationally or internationally recognized racing organization and includes  
13 preparations, practices, and qualifications for the race; and

14 (e) "Streets" has the same meaning as in KRS 177.365(4).

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

17 (a) On county roads;

18 (b) On streets;

19 **(c) On state-maintained highways in accordance with subsection (7) of this**  
20 **section;** or

21 **(d)**~~(e)~~ At airports, subject to approval from the relevant airport board.

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

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

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

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

- 1 (a) Adequate insurance to pay any damages incurred because of loss or injury to  
2 any person or property;
- 3 (b) Adequate security, emergency services, and necessary facilities provided  
4 during the racing event; and
- 5 (c) The ability to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the local  
6 government, the race participants, and those attending the racing 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, highways, alleys, sidewalks, and airport  
10 runways;
- 11 (b) Reroute pedestrian and motor vehicle traffic; and
- 12 (c) Waive local ordinances and traffic regulations.
- 13 (6) No less than sixty (60) days prior to a scheduled racing event, a local government  
14 shall provide written notice to the Transportation Cabinet of any racing event  
15 permit issued under this section. The written notice shall include:
- 16 (a) The time, date, and location of the racing event;
- 17 (b) The nationally or internationally recognized racing organization sponsoring  
18 the event;
- 19 (c) A road closure plan that specifies the streets, roads, highways, alleys,  
20 sidewalks, and airport runways that will be temporarily closed or obstructed  
21 during the racing event;
- 22 (d) A traffic control plan that specifies the on-site traffic controls and detour  
23 routes to be used during the racing event; ~~and~~
- 24 (e) The names and phone numbers of emergency and law enforcement contacts  
25 overseeing the racing event; and
- 26 (f) If applicable, a request to cross or use a portion of a state-maintained  
27 highway as part of the route in accordance with subsection (7) of this

1 section.

2 (7) The route of a racing event under this section that uses or crosses~~[shall not use or~~  
3 ~~cross]~~ any state-maintained highway shall be subject to prior approval by the  
4 Transportation Cabinet.

5 (8) 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 from  
8 all vehicle equipment and operation standards of this chapter.

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

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