



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 354

SENATE BILL NO. 480

By Bell

Substituted for: House Bill No. 763

By Howell, Kevin Brooks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55 and Title 62, relative to motor vehicle racing.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 22, is amended by deleting the chapter and substituting instead the following:

55-22-101.

(a) No person, firm, or corporation shall operate or conduct any motor vehicle races on any permanent race track or other place for the holding of a motor vehicle race upon which motor vehicles of any description are raced, unless the applicant has insurance for the general public with minimum limits of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per person and three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) per accident or three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) combined single limit, for loss because of bodily injury, including death at any time resulting from such bodily harm caused to any person or persons by the operation of the track or other place; provided, that this insurance shall not be applicable to:

(1) Drivers;

(2) Pit area personnel;

(3) All persons involved in the conduct of any motor vehicle race; or

(4) Any persons involved with the race who have signed a written release of liability.

(b) Satisfaction by the insured of a final judgment for injury shall not be a condition precedent to the duty of the insurer to make payment on account of the injury.

(c) The county clerk of the county where a motor vehicle race is conducted shall:

(1) Verify the person, firm, or corporation operating or conducting a motor vehicle race has insurance as prescribed in subsection (a); and

(2) Issue documentation to the person, firm, or corporation confirming that the requirements of subdivision (c)(1) have been met.

55-22-102. A county legislative body shall have the authority to:

(1) Provide for the times, dates, and conditions under which motor vehicle races shall be conducted; and

(2) Establish any other rule relative to the regulation and licensure of automobile race tracks that the county legislative body deems prudent and advisable.

55-22-103. The practice of participants in motor racing events of releasing the promoters thereof from liability and of assuming liability for any injuries sustained is expressly approved.

55-22-104. A violation of § 55-22-101 is a Class A misdemeanor.

55-22-105.

(a)(1) In any county that is a tourist resort county, motor vehicle racing may be permitted on not more than three (3) days a week. If racing is conducted for three (3) days a week, one (1) of the days shall be Sunday.

(2) For the purpose of this section, "tourist resort county" means any county having two (2) or more municipalities in which at least forty percent (40%) of the assessed valuation of the real property in those municipalities consists of hotels, motels, restaurants, and similar businesses serving traveling persons as shown by the tax assessment records of the county.

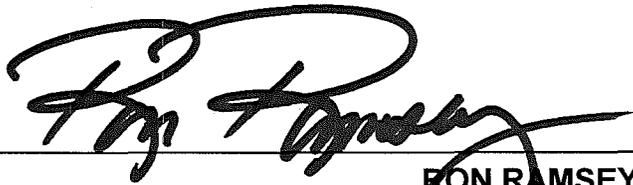
(b)(1) No racing shall be conducted after eleven o'clock p.m. (11:00 p.m.). At the conclusion of a racing event, the track management shall encourage all participants and patrons to vacate the premises by not later than eleven-thirty p.m. (11:30 p.m.).

(2) No racing shall be conducted on a Sunday except between twelve o'clock (12:00) noon and six o'clock p.m. (6:00 p.m.). At the conclusion of a Sunday racing event, the track management shall encourage all participants and patrons to vacate the premises by not later than six-thirty p.m. (6:30 p.m.).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 20, 2015

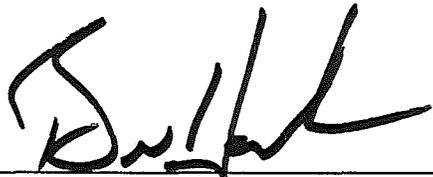


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APPROVED this 4th day of May 2015



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