

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 220

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

CRIME/PUNISHMENT. Authorizes law enforcement to impound any vehicle used in a drag race, or other enumerated action or event, at the owner's expense, for fourteen days to gather evidence pertaining to the crime. (8/1/24)

1 AN ACT
2 To enact R.S. 32:65(F), relative to traffic regulations; to provide relative to the gathering of
3 evidence by law enforcement for the crime of drag racing; to provide for impounding
4 vehicles used in drag racing; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 32:65(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §65. Drag racing and racing on public roads and certain property; exemptions

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9 **F. Any law enforcement agency authorized to enforce traffic regulations**
10 **in this state shall have the authority to impound, at the owner's expense, any**
11 **vehicle driven in a manner that violates this Section for up to fourteen days to**
12 **gather evidence pertaining to the offense.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jonathon Wagner.

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Present law makes it a crime to drive a vehicle in a race, speed competition or contest, drag race or acceleration contest, test of physical endurance, exhibition of speed or acceleration,

or for the purpose of making a speed record on public roads or on any publicly or privately owned property to which public access is not prohibited.

Proposed law allows certain law enforcement agencies in this state to impound a vehicle, at the owners expense, for up to 14 days to gather evidence pertaining to the crime.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 32:65(F))