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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **HB 6066**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING STREET RACING.***

#### **SUMMARY**

Current law prohibits driving a motor vehicle on a public road for purposes of betting, racing, or making a speed record. It also prohibits (1) possessing a motor vehicle under circumstances showing an intent to use it in one of these prohibited races or events; (2) acting as a starter, timekeeper, judge, or spectator at such a race or event; or (3) betting on the race's or event's outcome. This bill instead makes these prohibitions specifically apply to races, contests, or demonstrations of speed or skill (i.e., street racing). (Existing law prohibits driving a motor vehicle in any race, contest, or demonstration of speed or skill as a public exhibition except in specific circumstances (CGS § 14-164a).)

By law and under the bill, a first offense for driving a motor vehicle on a public road for any race, contest, or demonstration of speed or skill is punishable by a fine of \$150 to \$600, up to one year in prison, or both; and any subsequent offense is punishable by a fine of \$300 to \$1,000, up to one year in prison, or both (CGS § 14-224(g)(2)). Additionally, anyone convicted of this must attend an operator's retraining program (CGS § 14-111g(a)). Also, a court may (1) order the motor vehicle driven by the offender to be impounded for up to 30 days if it is registered to the offender or (2) if the vehicle is registered to someone else, fine the offender up to \$2,000 for a first offense and up to \$3,000 for any subsequent offense. By law, the impounded vehicle's owner is responsible for all fees or costs resulting from the impoundment (CGS § 14-224(h)).

By law and under the bill, a first offense for the other prohibited conduct (e.g., possessing a vehicle with intent to race, acting as a starter or spectator, or betting on a race) is punishable by a fine of \$75 to \$600, up to one year in prison, or both; and any subsequent offense

is punishable by a fine of \$100 to \$1,000, up to one year in prison, or both (CGS § 14-224(g)(3)).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2021

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 35 Nay 0 (03/24/2021)