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# HOUSE BILL

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### AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, removing prohibitions on the use of studded tires  
3 during certain periods and prescribing penalties.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 4525 of Title 75, act of November 25,  
7 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
8 Statutes, is amended to read:

9 § 4525. Tire equipment and traction surfaces.

10 (a) General rule.--No vehicle shall be operated on the  
11 highway unless the vehicle is equipped with tires of a type,  
12 size and construction approved by the department for the vehicle  
13 and unless the tires are in a safe operating condition as  
14 determined in accordance with regulations of the department.

15 (b) Vehicles not equipped with pneumatic tires.--It is  
16 unlawful for any person to operate or move, or cause or permit

1 to be moved, in contact with any highway any vehicle equipped  
2 with traction or road contact surfaces other than pneumatic  
3 tires unless of a type, size and construction permitted by  
4 regulations of the department and unless the movement is made  
5 under specific conditions allowed by regulations of the  
6 department.

7 (c) Tire studs.--[No vehicle having tires containing studs  
8 shall be driven on any highway.] Tires in which ice grips or  
9 tire studs of wear resisting material have been installed which  
10 provide resiliency upon contact with the road and which have  
11 projections not exceeding two thirty-seconds of an inch beyond  
12 the tread of the traction surface of the tire shall be permitted  
13 between November 1 of each year and April 30 of the following  
14 year. The Governor may by executive order extend the time tires  
15 with ice grips or tire studs may be used when highway conditions  
16 are such that such tires would be a safety factor in traveling  
17 Commonwealth highways. The use of tires with ice grips or tire  
18 studs contrary to the provisions of this subsection shall be  
19 unlawful.

20 (d) Tire chains.--Tires chains may be temporarily used on  
21 vehicles during periods of snow and ice emergency if they are in  
22 conformance with regulations promulgated by the department.

23 (e) Penalty.--

24 (1) Any person violating the provisions of subsection  
25 (c) shall be guilty of a summary offense and upon conviction  
26 thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine as indicated in  
27 paragraph (2) and in default of payment thereof, shall  
28 undergo imprisonment for not more than 30 days.

29 (2) Fines for violation of subsection (c) shall be  
30 determined from the following chart based on the period of

1     unauthorized use:

2             May 1 to May 31                     \$35

3             June 1 to June 30                     45

4             July 1 to July 31                     55

5             August 1 to August 31                     55

6             September 1 to September 30                     55

7             October 1 to October 31                     55

8             November 1 to April 30                     10

9     Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.