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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 5, 1979

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
17 to be moved, in contact with any highway any vehicle equipped
18 with traction or road contact surfaces other than pneumatic

1 tires unless of a type, size and construction permitted by
2 regulations of the department and unless the movement is made
3 under specific conditions allowed by regulations of the
4 department.

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

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

21 (e) Penalty.--

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

27 (2) Fines for violation of subsection (c) shall be
28 determined from the following chart based on the period of
29 unauthorized use:

30	<u>May 1 to May 31</u>	<u>\$35</u>
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1	<u>June 1 to June 30</u>	<u>45</u>
2	<u>July 1 to July 31</u>	<u>55</u>
3	<u>August 1 to August 31</u>	<u>55</u>
4	<u>September 1 to September 30</u>	<u>55</u>
5	<u>October 1 to October 31</u>	<u>55</u>
6	<u>November 1 to April 30</u>	<u>10</u>
7	Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.	