

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 72

Session of
1979

INTRODUCED BY TRELLO, FEBRUARY 5, 1979

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
19 tires unless of a type, size and construction permitted by

1 regulations of the department and unless the movement is made
2 under specific conditions allowed by regulations of the
3 department.

4 (c) Tire studs.--[No vehicle having tires containing studs
5 shall be driven on any highway.] Tires in which ice grips or
6 tire studs of wear resisting material have been installed which
7 provide resiliency upon contact with the road and which have
8 projections not exceeding two thirty-seconds of an inch beyond
9 the tread of the traction surface of the tire shall be permitted
10 between November 1 of each year and April 15 of the following
11 year. The Governor may by executive order extend the time tires
12 with ice grips or tire studs may be used when highway conditions
13 are such that such tires would be a safety factor in traveling
14 Commonwealth highways. Firefighting, fire emergency and police
15 vehicles may use tires with ice grips or tire studs during any
16 time of the year. The use of tires with ice grips or tire studs
17 contrary to the provisions of this subsection shall be 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>April 16 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 15</u>	<u>10</u>
7	Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.	