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AN ACT

1 Requiring the use of safety tire racks in certain instances and  
2 providing for the informing of students.

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

5 Section 1. Definition.

6 The term "entity" shall mean any sole proprietorship,  
7 partnership, joint venture, corporation, association or  
8 political subdivision, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

9 Section 2. Safety requirements; split rim tires.

10 Any entity whose employees inflate, mount or dismount tires  
11 shall provide a safety tire rack, cage or equivalent protection  
12 which shall be used when inflating, mounting or dismounting  
13 tires installed on split rims, or rims equipped with locking  
14 rings or similar devices.

15 Section 3. Posting of safe practices procedure.

16 Every employer shall post and enforce a safe practices  
17 procedure for inflating, mounting, or dismounting tires  
18 installed on split rims, or rims equipped with locking rings or

1 similar devices. Such posted procedure shall be placed in a  
2 conspicuous location which is generally frequented and occupied  
3 by employees, and shall be of the type approved by the  
4 Department of Labor and Industry. It shall contain, but not be  
5 limited to:

6 (1) a warning that working with said tires is dangerous  
7 and that only trained or experienced personnel should engage  
8 in such work; and

9 (2) the procedures to be followed in mounting,  
10 dismounting and inflating said tires.

11 Section 4. Employer responsibilities; training.

12 It shall be the duty of every employer whose employees engage  
13 in inflating, mounting, or dismounting tires described in  
14 section 2 to conduct a training program for said employees,  
15 which program shall include instruction in the safe handling and  
16 maintenance of said tires. Such program may be of a type  
17 approved by the Department of Labor and Industry and the use  
18 thereof shall establish a presumption of compliance with this  
19 act. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit an employer from  
20 establishing a training program other than one approved by the  
21 Department of Labor and Industry which reasonably complies with  
22 the provisions of this act.

23 Section 5. Promulgation of rules and regulations regarding  
24 curricula.

25 The Department of Education shall promulgate rules and  
26 regulations in cooperation with the Department of Labor and  
27 Industry requiring all schools subject to its jurisdiction,  
28 which presently offer curricula relating to motor vehicles other  
29 than driver education programs, to inform all students enrolled  
30 in such curricula of the dangers of working with the types of

1 tires described herein.

2 Section 6. Rules and regulations; enforcement.

3 The Department of Labor and Industry shall promulgate rules  
4 and regulations to carry out the purposes of this act and shall  
5 be responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of this  
6 act.

7 Section 7. Penalties.

8 Any person who violates the provisions of this act or the  
9 rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto shall, upon the  
10 first conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$300. Upon  
11 conviction of a second offense, such person shall be sentenced  
12 to pay a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$2,500. Upon  
13 conviction of a third or subsequent offense, such person shall  
14 be guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

15 Section 8. Effective date.

16 This act shall take effect in 60 days.