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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
MARCH 29, 1977

## 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, added June 17, 1976 (No.81), 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,

1 size and construction approved by the department for the vehicle  
2 and unless the tires are in a safe operating condition as  
3 determined in accordance with regulations of the department.

4 (b) Vehicles not equipped with pneumatic tires.--It is  
5 unlawful for any person to operate or move, or cause or permit  
6 to be moved, in contact with any highway any vehicle equipped  
7 with traction or road contact surfaces other than pneumatic  
8 tires unless of a type, size and construction permitted by  
9 regulations of the department and unless the movement is made  
10 under specific conditions allowed by regulations of the  
11 department.

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

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

30 (e) Penalty.--

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

6       (2) Fines for violation of subsection (c) shall be  
7       determined from the following chart based on the period of  
8       unauthorized use:

9 <u>May 1 to May 31</u>	<u>\$35</u>
10 <u>June 1 to June 30</u>	<u>45</u>
11 <u>July 1 to July 31</u>	<u>55</u>
12 <u>August 1 to August 31</u>	<u>55</u>
13 <u>September 1 to September 30</u>	<u>55</u>
14 <u>October 1 to October 31</u>	<u>55</u>
15 <u>November 1 to April 30</u>	<u>10</u>

16       Section 2. Subsection (d) of section 8, act of June 17, 1976  
17       (No.81), entitled "An act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the  
18       Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, adding revised, compiled and  
19       codified provisions relating to vehicles and pedestrians," is  
20       hereby repealed.

21       Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1977.