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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 305

Session of  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 9, 1977

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, exempting certain tread wear indicators from the  
3 restrictions of studded tires.

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,  
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.--

6 (1) No vehicle having tires containing studs shall be  
7 driven on any highway.

8 (2) Tires with a metal device of a type approved by the  
9 department forming a part of a tread wear indicator shall be  
10 lawful.

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

14 Section 2. The provisions of this amendatory act shall take  
15 effect July 1, 1977 notwithstanding the provisions of section  
16 8(d) of the act of June 17, 1976 (No.81), entitled "An act  
17 amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
18 Statutes, adding revised, compiled and codified provisions  
19 relating to vehicles and pedestrians." Nothing contained herein  
20 shall be construed to make section 4525(c)(1) effective prior to  
21 May 1, 1978.