
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 10

Session of
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INTRODUCED BY ORLANDO, DWYER AND KUSSE, JANUARY 16, 1979

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, JANUARY 16, 1979

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for studded tires and providing
3 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] Ice grips and tire studs.--[No vehicle having
5 tires containing studs shall be driven on any highway.] Tires in
6 which ice grips or tire studs of wear resisting material have
7 been installed which provide resiliency upon contact with the
8 road and which have projections not exceeding two thirty-seconds
9 of an inch beyond the tread of the traction surface of the tire
10 shall be permitted between November 1 of each year and April 1
11 of the following year. The Governor may by executive order
12 extend the time tires with ice grips or tire studs may be used
13 when highway conditions are such that such tires would be a
14 safety factor in traveling Commonwealth highways. Firefighting,
15 fire emergency and police vehicles may use tires with ice grips
16 or tire studs during any time of the year. The use of tires with
17 ice grips or tire studs contrary to the provisions of this
18 subsection shall be unlawful.

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

22 (e) Penalty.--

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

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

1	<u>May 1 to May 31</u>	<u>\$35</u>
2	<u>June 1 to June 30</u>	<u>45</u>
3	<u>July 1 to July 31</u>	<u>55</u>
4	<u>August 1 to August 31</u>	<u>55</u>
5	<u>September 1 to September 30</u>	<u>55</u>
6	<u>October 1 to October 31</u>	<u>55</u>
7	<u>November 1 to April 30</u>	<u>10</u>

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.