
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 10

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1979

SENATOR LYNCH, TRANSPORTATION, AS AMENDED, FEBRUARY 13, 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

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

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

23 (e) Penalty.--

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

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

1 unauthorized use:

2 May 1 to May 31 \$35

3 June 1 to June 30 45

4 July 1 to July 31 55

5 August 1 to August 31 55

6 September 1 to September 30 55

7 October 1 to October 31 55

8 November 1 to April 30 10

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.