

2 **2SSB 5568** - H COMM AMD
3 By Committee on Transportation

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 "Lightweight stud" means a metallic stud intended for installation
10 and use in a vehicle tire that is at least thirty-five percent lighter
11 than metal studs most commonly used in the tire industry in this state
12 as of January 1, 1996. A lightweight stud may contain any materials
13 necessary to achieve the lighter weight.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.37 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 Beginning January 1, 1998, a person offering to sell to a tire
17 dealer conducting business in the state of Washington, a metal flange
18 or cleat intended for installation as a stud in a vehicle tire shall
19 certify that the studs are lightweight studs as defined in section 1 of
20 this act. Certification must be accomplished by clearly marking the
21 boxes or containers used to ship and store studs with the designation
22 "lightweight."

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 46.37 RCW
24 to read as follows:

25 Beginning July 1, 1999, a person may not sell a studded tire or
26 sell a stud for installation in a tire unless the stud qualifies as a
27 lightweight stud under section 1 of this act.

28 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.37.420 and 1990 c 105 s 1 are each amended to read
29 as follows:

30 (1) It is unlawful to operate a vehicle upon the public highways of
31 this state unless it is completely equipped with pneumatic rubber tires
32 except vehicles equipped with temporary-use spare tires that meet
33 federal standards that are installed and used in accordance with the
34 manufacturer's instructions.

1 (2) No tire on a vehicle moved on a highway may have on its
2 periphery any block, flange, cleat, or spike or any other protuberance
3 of any material other than rubber which projects beyond the tread of
4 the traction surface of the tire, except that it is permissible to use
5 farm machinery with tires having protuberances that will not injure the
6 highway, and except also that it is permissible to use tire chains or
7 metal studs imbedded within the tire of reasonable proportions and of
8 a type conforming to (~~rules adopted by the state patrol~~) section 1 of
9 this act, upon any vehicle when required for safety because of snow,
10 ice, or other conditions tending to cause a vehicle to skid. It is
11 unlawful to use metal studs imbedded within the tire between April 1st
12 and November 1st. The state department of transportation may, from
13 time to time, determine additional periods in which the use of tires
14 with metal studs imbedded therein is lawful.

15 (3) The state department of transportation and local authorities in
16 their respective jurisdictions may issue special permits authorizing
17 the operation upon a highway of traction engines or tractors having
18 movable tracks with transverse corrugations upon the periphery of the
19 movable tracks or farm tractors or other farm machinery, the operation
20 of which upon a highway would otherwise be prohibited under this
21 section.

22 (4) Tires with metal studs imbedded therein may be used between
23 November 1st and April 1st upon school buses and fire department
24 vehicles, any law or regulation to the contrary notwithstanding.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Section 4 of this act takes effect July 1,
26 2002."

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