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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 1325

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By Representatives Mielke, Fisher, K. Schmidt, Wood, Ericksen, Mitchell and Hankins; by request of Department of Transportation

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1 AN ACT Relating to studded tires; adding a new section to chapter  
2 46.04 RCW; and adding new sections to chapter 46.37 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

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

6 "Lightweight stud" means a stud intended for installation and use  
7 in a vehicle tire. As used in this title, this means a stud that is  
8 recommended by the manufacturer of the tire for the type and size of  
9 the tire and that:

10 (1) Weighs no more than 1.5 grams if the stud conforms to Tire Stud  
11 Manufacturing Institute (TSMI) stud size 14 or less;

12 (2) Weighs no more than 2.3 grams if the stud conforms to TSMI stud  
13 size 15 or 16; or

14 (3) Weighs no more than 3.0 grams if the stud conforms to TSMI stud  
15 size 17 or larger.

16 A lightweight stud may contain any materials necessary to achieve  
17 the lighter weight.

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

3        Beginning January 1, 2000, a person offering to sell to a tire  
4 dealer conducting business in the state of Washington, a metal flange  
5 or cleat intended for installation as a stud in a vehicle tire shall  
6 certify that the studs are lightweight studs as defined in section 1 of  
7 this act.    Certification must be accomplished by clearly marking the  
8 boxes or containers used to ship and store studs with the designation  
9 "lightweight."    This section does not apply to tires or studs in a  
10 wholesaler's existing inventory as of January 1, 2000.

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

13       Beginning July 1, 2001, a person may not sell a studded tire or  
14 sell a stud for installation in a tire unless the stud qualifies as a  
15 lightweight stud under section 1 of this act.

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