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SENATE BILL 5579

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By Senators Loveland, Honeyford and Hale

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to tires on farm machinery; and amending RCW  
2 46.37.420.

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

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

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

11 (2) No tire on a vehicle moved on a highway may have on its  
12 periphery any block, flange, cleat, or spike or any other protuberance  
13 of any material other than rubber which projects beyond the tread of  
14 the traction surface of the tire, except that it is permissible to use  
15 farm machinery equipped with pneumatic tires or solid rubber tracks  
16 having protuberances that will not injure the highway, and except also  
17 that it is permissible to use tire chains or metal studs imbedded  
18 within the tire of reasonable proportions and of a type conforming to  
19 rules adopted by the state patrol, upon any vehicle when required for

1 safety because of snow, ice, or other conditions tending to cause a  
2 vehicle to skid. It is unlawful to use metal studs imbedded within the  
3 tire between April 1st and November 1st. The state department of  
4 transportation may, from time to time, determine additional periods in  
5 which the use of tires with metal studs imbedded therein is lawful.

6 (3) The state department of transportation and local authorities in  
7 their respective jurisdictions may issue special permits authorizing  
8 the operation upon a highway of traction engines or tractors having  
9 movable tracks with transverse corrugations upon the periphery of the  
10 movable tracks or farm tractors or other farm machinery, the operation  
11 of which upon a highway would otherwise be prohibited under this  
12 section.

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

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