
SENATE BILL 6359

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By Senators Stevens, Haugen, Rossi and Benton

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1 AN ACT Relating to failure to use required traction equipment;
2 amending RCW 47.36.250; and prescribing penalties.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.36.250 and 1987 c 330 s 747 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 If the department or its delegate determines at any time for any
7 part of the public highway system that the unsafe conditions of the
8 roadway require particular tires, tire chains, or traction equipment in
9 addition to or beyond the ordinary pneumatic rubber tires, the
10 department may establish the following recommendations or requirements
11 with respect to the use of such equipment for all persons using such
12 public highway:

13 (1) Dangerous road conditions, chains or other approved traction
14 devices recommended.

15 (2) Dangerous road conditions, chains or other approved traction
16 devices required.

17 (3) Dangerous road conditions, chains required.

18 Any equipment that may be required by this section shall be
19 approved by the state patrol as authorized under RCW 46.37.420.

1 The department shall place and maintain signs and other traffic
2 control devices on the public highways that indicate the tire, tire
3 chain, or traction equipment recommendation or requirement determined
4 under this section. Such signs or traffic control devices shall in no
5 event prohibit the use of studded tires from November 1st to April 1st,
6 but when the department determines that chains are required and that no
7 other traction equipment will suffice, the requirement is applicable to
8 all types of tires including studded tires. The signs or traffic
9 control devices may specify different recommendations or requirements
10 for four wheel drive vehicles in gear.

11 Failure to obey a requirement indicated by a sign or other traffic
12 control device placed or maintained under this section is a
13 ((misdemeanor)) traffic infraction under chapter 46.63 RCW subject to
14 a fine of five hundred dollars.

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