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By Senators Stevens, Horn, Benton, Haugen, Oke, Swecker, Esser and Mulliken

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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 (1) Traction advisory - oversize vehicles prohibited.

1        (2) Traction advisory - oversize vehicles prohibited. Vehicles  
2 over 10,000 GVW - chains required.

3        (3) Traction advisory - oversize vehicles prohibited. All vehicles  
4 - chains required, except all wheel drive.

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

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

18        Failure to obey a requirement indicated ~~((by a sign or other~~  
19 ~~traffic control device placed or maintained))~~ under this section is a  
20 ~~((misdemeanor))~~ traffic infraction under chapter 46.63 RCW subject to  
21 a penalty of five hundred dollars including all statutory assessments.

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