
Transportation Committee

SB 5206

Brief Description: Addressing the use of tires with retractable studs.

Sponsors: Senators Haugen and Swecker.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows a vehicle to be equipped year round with tires that have retractable tire studs.

Hearing Date: 3/26/07

Staff: Jerry Long (786-7306).

Background:

Current law prohibits the use of studded tires between April 1st and November 1st. The use of studded tires between April 1st and November 1st is a traffic infraction, subject to a \$101 fine. Any tire studs on tires offered for sale in Washington must be "lightweight tire studs".

Summary of Bill:

A vehicle may be equipped year round with tires that have retractable tire studs so long as the tire studs: retract below the tire wear bar; and, are only used between November 1st and April 1st. Retractable tire studs are exempt from the provisions that require tire studs offered for sale in Washington to be "lightweight tire studs".

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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