

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SB 5206

---

---

**C 140 L 07**  
Synopsis as Enacted

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

**Sponsors:** Senators Haugen and Swecker.

**Senate Committee on Transportation**

**House Committee on Transportation**

**Background:** Current law proscribes the use of studded tires between April 1 and November 1. The use of studded tires between April 1 and November 1 is a traffic infraction, subject to a fine. Any studs on tires offered for sale in Washington must be "lightweight studs."

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

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	49	0
House	97	1

**Effective:** July 22, 2007