
HOUSE BILL 1041

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1 AN ACT Relating to improving choices of replacement tires for
2 consumers; reenacting and amending RCW 70A.30.010; adding a new
3 section to chapter 70A.05 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70A.45
4 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 19 RCW; and creating a new
5 section.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that Washington
8 has a target of zero injuries and deaths for users of its roadways
9 and transportation system. Replacement tires with increased tread and
10 durability are important options in helping provide increased safety
11 for drivers in rugged, wet, or icy conditions. The federal government
12 is responsible for the motor vehicle standards, including tires.
13 Therefore, state and local governments may not restrict the
14 manufacture, use, or sale of tires that are in compliance with the
15 federal motor vehicle safety standards prescribed pursuant to 49
16 U.S.C. Sec. 30111. The legislature is protecting the freedom of
17 choice for people to purchase and use tires they want that meet
18 federal motor vehicle safety standards.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) Any person may manufacture, use, or
20 sell passenger vehicle tires within the state that are in compliance

1 with the federal motor vehicle safety standards prescribed pursuant
2 to 49 U.S.C. Sec. 30111.

3 (2) State agencies and local governmental agencies may not issue
4 rules that restrict or ban the manufacture, sale, or use of tires
5 based on their energy efficiency or rolling resistance rating.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 70A.05
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 State and local governmental agencies shall not restrict or
9 regulate the use or sale of tires under this chapter.

10 **Sec. 4.** RCW 70A.30.010 and 2020 c 143 s 1 and 2020 c 20 s 1366
11 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

12 (1) Pursuant to the federal clean air act, the legislature adopts
13 the California motor vehicle emission standards in Title 13 of the
14 California Code of Regulations. (~~The~~) Except as provided for in
15 subsection (3) of this section, the department of ecology shall adopt
16 rules to implement the motor vehicle emission standards of the state
17 of California, including the zero emission vehicle program, and shall
18 amend the rules from time to time, to maintain consistency with the
19 California motor vehicle emission standards and 42 U.S.C. Sec. 7507
20 (section 177 of the federal clean air act).

21 (2) The provisions of this chapter do not apply with respect to
22 the use by a resident of this state of a motor vehicle acquired and
23 used while the resident is a member of the armed services and is
24 stationed outside this state pursuant to military orders.

25 (3) The department may not adopt restrictions on the manufacture,
26 sale, or use of vehicle tires even if the California Code of
27 Regulations includes such restrictions.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 70A.45
29 RCW to read as follows:

30 State and local governmental agencies shall not restrict or
31 regulate the use or sale of tires under this chapter as part of a
32 greenhouse gases reduction strategy.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Section 2 of this act constitutes a new
34 chapter in Title 19 RCW.

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