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H.P. 176

House of Representatives, January 22, 2019

**An Act To Require Snow Tires or All-weather Tires on Automobiles
from October through April**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield.
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and
Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, BROOKS of Lewiston, COLLINGS of Portland,
HANINGTON of Lincoln, MARTIN of Sinclair, O'NEIL of Saco, STANLEY of Medway,
Senator: MILLETT of Cumberland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1927** is enacted to read:

3 **§1927. Snow tires; all-weather tires**

4 **1. Tires required.** Beginning December 1, 2019, automobiles registered in this
5 State may not be operated from the 2nd day of October to the last day of April without
6 appropriate snow tires or all-weather tires as defined by the Chief of the State Police
7 pursuant to subsection 2.

8 **2. Rulemaking.** The Chief of the State Police shall adopt rules to implement this
9 section, including but not limited to rules:

10 A. Defining "snow tires" and "all-weather tires"; and

11 B. Designating a method for identifying that a tire meets the requirements of the
12 rules.

13 Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,
14 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill requires automobiles to be equipped with snow tires or all-weather tires
17 from the 2nd day of October to the last day of April and requires the Chief of the State
18 Police within the Department of Public Safety to adopt rules to define "snow tires" and
19 "all-weather tires."