

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 544

H. P. 433

House of Representatives, February 4, 1975

Referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Morton of Farmington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Use of Studded Tires on Motor Vehicles.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA, § 1375 is enacted to read:

§ 1375. Studded tires

It shall be unlawful to operate a motor vehicle or trailer, except for fire department vehicles, with tires having any metal studs, wires, or spikes protruding from the tire tread or any other metal protuberance from the tire tread upon any public highway during the period from the first day of May to the first day of October. The Department of Transportation may extend the lawful use of studded tires. Notice of such extension shall be as determined by the Commissioner of Transportation.

The Commissioner of Transportation may, in special cases, grant permits, covering stated periods of time and upon proper application in writing, to permit the use of studded tires other than during the period of lawful use. The fee for such permits shall be not less than \$3, nor more than \$15, to be determined by the commissioner.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA, § 1702, first ¶, next to last sentence, as amended by PL 1967, c. 245, § 23, is further amended to read:

This section shall not be construed to prohibit the use of tire chains or studded tires of reasonable proportions on vehicles when required for safety because of snow, ice or other conditions tending to cause such vehicle to slide or skid.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this legislation is to mitigate excessive pavement wear by prohibiting the use of studded tires during those months when Maine highways are free of ice and snow.