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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 2138

H. P. 1953

House of Representatives, January 29, 1976

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Carpenter of Houlton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SIX

**AN ACT to Exempt Emergency Vehicles and School Buses From the
Statutory Prohibition of the Use of Studded Tires From May to October.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, at present, chapter 84 of the Public Laws of 1975 prohibits the use of studded tires on school buses and on emergency vehicles other than fire department vehicles from the first day of May to the first day of October; and

Whereas, treacherous spring ice and snow storms make operation of emergency vehicles and school buses dangerous unless studded tires are not used; and

Whereas, it is the intent of this Act to authorize emergency vehicles and school buses the use this May of studded tires; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

29 MRSA § 1375, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 84, § 1, is amended to read:

It shall be unlawful to operate a motor vehicle or combination of vehicles, except for fire department vehicles, **emergency vehicles and school buses**, 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.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill exempts school buses and emergency vehicles from the requirements of the studded snow tire law.