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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 303, L.D. 418, Bill, "An Act To Exempt Certain Tires from the Speed Rating Requirements"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

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

**Whereas,** this Act corrects an unintended consequence of a current law that requires a vehicle to be equipped with tires that meet or exceed the load and speed rating of the original equipment tires; and

**Whereas,** it is necessary that this Act take effect before the spring season, when many Maine citizens change the tires on their motor vehicles from snow tires to regular 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:**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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2       **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1917, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2003, c.  
146, §1, is further amended to read:

4           **2. Safe tires required.** A motor vehicle may not be  
6 operated on a public way unless it is equipped with tires in safe  
operating condition. A tire mounted on a motor vehicle is not  
8 considered to be in safe operating condition unless it meets the  
visual and tread depth requirements set forth in subsections 3  
10 and 4 and the wheel size requirements in subsection 6. ~~A vehicle  
may be equipped only with tires that meet or exceed the load and  
speed rating of the original equipment tires.~~

12           **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the  
14 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.'

**SUMMARY**

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18           This amendment removes the requirement that a vehicle must  
20 be equipped with tires that meet or exceed the load and speed  
rating of the original equipment tires. The amendment also adds  
22 an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**