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ACTS, RESOLVES AND CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTIONS

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placed by chapter 179 of the private and special laws of 1961; and section 108-A, as enacted by chapter 58 of the private and special laws of 1965, all of chapter 155 of the private and special laws of 1959 are repealed.

Sec. 6. Regulations. The commissioner shall make regulations governing the taking of shad, smelts and eels in accordance with the Revised Statutes, Title 12, sections 3504 and 3505.

Sec. 7. Effective date. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 1974.

Effective January 1, 1974

CHAPTER 344

AN ACT Relating to Tread Depth of Motor Vehicle Tires.

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

R. S., T. 29, § 137I-A, additional. Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 137I-A, to read as follows:

§ 137I-A. Tread depth of motor vehicle tires

1. **Tire requirements.** No motor vehicle shall receive an inspection sticker unless it is equipped with tires in safe operating condition in accordance with requirements established by this chapter. No tire mounted on a motor vehicle shall be deemed to be in safe operating condition unless it meets the visual and tread depth requirements set forth in this section.

A. Definitions.

(1) "Tread depth" shall mean the amount of tread design on the tire. Tread depth includes both original, retread and recap tread design; and, in respect to special mileage commercial tires, recut, regrooved and siped tread design.

(2) "Special mileage commercial tire" shall mean a tire manufactured with an extra layer of rubber between the cord body and original tread design, which extra layer is designed for the purpose of recutting or regrooving, and which tire is specifically labelled as a special mileage commercial tire.

B. Visual requirements. No tire shall be deemed to be in safe operating condition if such tire has:

(1) A fabric break, or a cut in excess of one inch in any direction as measured on the outside of the tire and deep enough to reach the body cords, or has been repaired temporarily by the use of blowout patches or boots; or

(2) Any bump, bulge or knot related to separation or partial failure of the tire structure; or

(3) Any portion of the ply or cord structure exposed; or

(4) Any tire with the sidewalls damaged to the extent that the body cords are damaged.

C. Method of measuring tread depth. Tire tread depth shall be measured by a tread depth gauge which shall be of a type calibrated in $\frac{1}{32}$ inch. Readings shall be taken in a major tread groove of the tire nearest the center at 2 points of the circumference not closer than 15 inches. Readings for a tire which has the tread design running across the tire or for a siped tire, where such tread design is permitted, shall be taken at or near the center of the tire at 2 points of the circumference not closer than 15 inches.

D. Tread depth requirements. No tire shall be deemed to be in safe operating condition if such tire is worn to the point where less than $\frac{2}{32}$ inch of tread design remains at both points at which gauge readings are obtained.

E. Exemptions. Farm vehicles such as self-propelled combines, self-propelled corn and hay harvesting machines and tractors used exclusively for agricultural purposes are exempt from this section.

Effective October 3, 1973

CHAPTER 345

AN ACT to Repeal the Compensation for the State Running Horse Racing Commission.

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

R. S., T. 8, § 324, repealed. Section 324 of Title 8 of the Revised Statutes is repealed.

Effective October 3, 1973

CHAPTER 346

AN ACT Relating to Membership on the Maine School Building Authority.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, § 3504, amended. The 2nd to the 7th sentences of section 3504 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The Maine School Building Authority shall consist of the 9 members of the State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services.