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H.162

Introduced by Representative Burke of Brattleboro

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Highways; motor vehicles; studded snow tires

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit, with certain exceptions, operation of vehicles equipped with studded snow tires on Vermont highways other than from November 1 to May 15.

An act relating to operation of motor vehicles with studded snow tires

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1092 is amended to read:

§ 1092. DAMAGING SURFACE OF ROAD

(a) ~~Not~~ Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a person may
shall not operate or move upon or over any highway or bridge a vehicle,
machine, or contrivance ~~which;~~

(1) that has any flange, ribs, clamps, or other object attached to or made
a part of; its wheels ~~which~~ that will injure, cut into, or destroy the surface of
the highway or bridge to any appreciable extent; or

1 ~~(2) This provision does not restrict the right of any person to use with~~
2 ~~tires which are equipped with “studs” or “cleats,” so-called,~~ studs or cleats of a
3 type designed for general use to facilitate travel in winter.

4 (b) The prohibition in subdivision (a)(2) of this section shall not apply:

5 (1) from November 1 to May 15;

6 (2) to vehicles not registered or required to be registered in Vermont;

7 (3) to farm tractors; or

8 (4) to authorized emergency vehicles.

9 (c) In addition to any liability for damage otherwise provided by law, a
10 person who violates subdivision (a)(2) of this section shall be subject to:

11 (1) a warning for a first violation; and

12 (2) a civil penalty of not less than \$100.00 for a second or subsequent
13 violation.

14 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

15 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.