

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2277**

Ordered by the House April 22  
Including House Amendments dated April 22

Sponsored by Representative GREENLICK; Representative TOMEI (Presession filed.)

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

*[Requires permit for operation of motor vehicle with studded tires. Specifies how Department of Transportation is to determine cost of permit.]*

*[Creates traffic offense of operating motor vehicle with studded tires without permit. Punishes by maximum fine of \$500.]*

**Requires Department of Transportation to study impact of studded tires on highway maintenance cost and to report results to Legislative Assembly.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to studded tires; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Transportation shall study and submit a report on**  
5 **the impact of the use of studded tires on the cost of maintaining highways as defined in ORS**  
6 **366.005. The report must include:**

7 (a) **The annual cost of highway maintenance attributed to the impact of the use of stud-**  
8 **ded tires, including but not limited to the cost of early pavement replacement due to damage**  
9 **caused by the use of studded tires and a breakdown of these costs as distributed among city**  
10 **streets, county roads and state highways.**

11 (b) **The approximate number of studded tires and other types of traction tires or traction**  
12 **devices used in this state during the winter driving season and a description of regional**  
13 **variations in use.**

14 (c) **The net reduction in pavement surface life due to the use of studded tires.**

15 (d) **A description of how different types of pavement surfaces are affected by the use of**  
16 **studded tires.**

17 (e) **A review of recent studies conducted in other states regarding the safety benefits of**  
18 **snow tires and studded tires under different winter driving conditions.**

19 (f) **A review of recent studies conducted in other states regarding the need for studded**  
20 **tires to provide traction in winter driving conditions.**

21 (g) **A discussion of recent improvements in traction tire design and whether the im-**  
22 **provements reduce damage to highways.**

23 (h) **A description of different types of traction tires and traction devices used in different**  
24 **regions of this state.**

25 (i) **Recommended alternative measures that road authorities could implement to reduce**  
26 **the use of studded tires while maintaining safe driving conditions, including educating the**

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1 **public about alternatives to studded tires.**

2 **(j) The anticipated annual cost of alternative measures that road authorities may imple-**  
3 **ment to maintain safe driving conditions as a result of a ban on studded tires.**

4 **(k) A review of recent studies conducted in other states regarding the frequency of motor**  
5 **vehicle crashes as a result of a ban on studded tires and the costs associated with an in-**  
6 **crease or decrease in the frequency of crashes.**

7 **(2) In conducting the study, the department shall consult with the Oregon Transportation**  
8 **Research and Education Consortium, Oregon State University, cities, counties and persons**  
9 **in the tire industry.**

10 **(3) The department shall report the findings of the study to the 2015 regular session of**  
11 **the Legislative Assembly in the manner prescribed by ORS 192.245.**

12 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2013 Act is repealed on January 2, 2016.**

13 **SECTION 3. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
14 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect**  
15 **on its passage.**

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