

Requested by Representative HELT

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 4103**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “810.180” insert “and 815.045”.

2 On page 4, after line 25, insert:

3 **“SECTION 2.** ORS 815.045 is amended to read:

4 “815.045. (1) The Oregon Transportation Commission shall adopt rules
5 necessary to carry out ORS 815.140. The rules adopted by the commission:

6 “(a) Shall establish the various types of conditions under which vehicle
7 traction tires or chains must be used.

8 “(b) Shall define types of vehicle traction tires or chains that may be used
9 under various road conditions. The commission rules under this paragraph
10 shall comply with the following:

11 “(A) Traction tire shall be defined to include any tire that meets traction
12 standards established by the Department of Transportation.

13 “(B) Retractable studded tires or tires with studs that are permitted under
14 ORS 815.165 shall be allowed as traction tires under the rules.

15 “(C) The department may require that traction tires without studs bear
16 identifying marks, defined by the department, that indicate that the tire was
17 manufactured specifically for adverse weather conditions.

18 “(D) Chains shall be defined to include link chains, cable chains or any
19 other device that attaches to the wheel, vehicle or outside of the tire and
20 that augments the traction of a vehicle.

21 “(E) Retractable studded tires shall be defined to include tires with em-

1 bedded studs that project beyond the tread surface only when a vehicle op-
2 erator extends the studs to augment the traction of the vehicle.

3 “(c) Shall establish signs to be posted under conditions that require ve-
4 hicle traction tires or chains.

5 “(d) May establish types or classes of vehicles that are exempt from re-
6 quirements to use vehicle traction tires or chains under certain conditions
7 if the commission determines that the operation of the class or type of ve-
8 hicle would be safe under those conditions.

9 “(2) A road authority shall:

10 “(a) Determine when conditions on a segment of highway require the use
11 of vehicle traction tires or chains as defined by the commission;

12 “(b) Determine which segments of a highway shall be posted as described
13 under this section to require vehicle traction tires or chains; [*and*]

14 “(c) Provide for the placement and removal of signs requiring the use of
15 vehicle traction tires or chains[.]; **and**

16 **“(d) Consider establishing an advisory speed zone on any segment**
17 **of highway where vehicle traction tires or chains are required.”.**

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