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AN ACT to repeal 347.45 (2) (c) 4; and to amend 347.45 (2) (c) (intro.) and 2 of the statutes, relating to prohibiting studded tires with certain exceptions.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 347.45 (2) (c) (intro.) and 2 of the statutes are amended to read:

347.45 (2) (c) (intro.) A pneumatic tire may have embedded in it wire or ~~other material~~ wire coils for improving traction on ice and snow, but such tire shall be so constructed that the per cent of wire or ~~other material~~ wire coils in contact with the roadway does not exceed, after the first 1,000 miles of use or operation, 5% of the total tire area in contact with the roadway. During the first 1,000 miles of use or operation of any such tire the wire or ~~other material~~ wire coils in contact with the roadway shall not exceed 20% of the total tire area in contact with the roadway. Tires equipped with tungsten carbide studs shall be limited in usage and design as follows:

2. Such tires ~~shall~~ may be used only on authorized emergency vehicles, vehicles used to deliver mail and automobiles and trucks weighing not more than 6,000 pounds, and on school busses with out-of-state registrations and then only if such automobile is in the course of passing through this state for a period of not more than 30 days.

SECTION 2. 347.45 (2) (c) 4 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 3. **Effective date.** This act shall take effect on May 2, 1975, or on the first day of the month following publication, whichever is later.