CHAPTER 338, Laws of 1973

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SECTION 2. 347.45 (2) (c) 4 of the statutes is repealed.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