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HOUSE BILL No. 218

(By Mr. Marsteller and Mr. Buck)



PASSED February 1, 1966

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section thirty-seven, article fifteen, chapter seventeen-c of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to general restrictions as to tire equipment; special permits for the operation of traction engines or tractors having movable tracks and certain farm tractors and machinery; the use on the highways of this state of tires fitted with blocks, studs, flanges, cleats, or spikes or any other protuberances of any material other than rubber; and rules and regulations and approval of the state road commissioner with respect of such tires.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section thirty-seven, article fifteen, chapter seventeen-c of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Article 15. Equipment.**Section 37. Restrictions as to Tire Equipment; Rules**

2 **and Regulations as to Certain Tires.**—(a) Every solid rub-
3 ber tire on a vehicle shall have rubber on its entire
4 traction surface at least one inch thick above the edge of
5 the flange of the entire periphery.

6 (b) No person shall operate or move on any highway
7 any motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer having any
8 metal tire in contact with the roadway.

9 (c) No tire on a vehicle moved on a highway shall
10 have on its periphery any block, stud, flange, cleat, or
11 spike or any other protuberance of any material other
12 than rubber which projects beyond the tread of the
13 traction surface of the tire, except that it shall be per-
14 missible to use farm machinery with tires having pro-
15 tubrances which will not injure the highway and except
16 also that it shall be permissible to use tire chains of rea-
17 sonable proportions upon any vehicle when required for
18 safety because of snow, ice, or other conditions tending
19 to cause a vehicle to skid.

20 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections
21 (b) and (c) of this section, a person may use motor

22 vehicle tires on the highways of this state which are
23 fitted with blocks, studs, flanges, cleats, or spikes or any
24 other protuberances of any material other than rubber
25 if and when (1) the state road commissioner has pre-
26 scribed rules and regulations authorizing such use, (2)
27 such tires are used in strict conformity with any such
28 rules and regulations, and (3) such tires are of a type
29 approved by the state road commissioner. Any rules and
30 regulations perscribed by the state road commissioner,
31 which he is hereby authorized to promulgate, shall relate
32 to the design, construction and use of such tires and the
33 procedure which shall be followed when such tires are
34 submitted for approval.

35 (e) The state road commission and local authorities
36 in their respective jurisdictions may in their discretion
37 issue special permits authorizing the operation upon the
38 highway of traction engines or tractors having movable
39 tracks with transverse corrugations upon the periphery
40 of such movable tracks or farm tractors or other farm
41 machinery, the operation of which upon a highway would
42 otherwise be prohibited under this chapter.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

O Roy Parker

Chairman Senate Committee

James W. Loop

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect from passage.

Howard Meyer

Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

Howard E. Carson

President of the Senate

H. Lohan White

Speaker House of Delegates

The within *approved* this the *ninth*
day of *February*, 1966.

Huett C. Smith

Governor



PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

Date 2/7/66

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