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HOUSE BILL No. 218

(By Mr. Mastrodicasa and Mr. Beck)

PASSED February 4, 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 and Regulations as to Certain Tires.—(a) Every solid rubber tire on a vehicle shall have rubber on its entire traction surface at least one inch thick above the edge of the flange of the entire periphery.

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

(c) No tire on a vehicle moved on a highway shall have on its periphery any block, stud, flange, cleat, or spike or any other protuberance of any material other than rubber which projects beyond the tread of the traction surface of the tire, except that it shall be permissible to use farm machinery with tires having protuberances which will not injure the highway and except also that it shall be permissible to use tire chains of reasonable proportions upon any vehicle when required for safety because of snow, ice, or other conditions tending to cause a vehicle to skid.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section, a person may use motor
vehicle tires on the highways of this state which are 
fitted with blocks, studs, flanges, cleats, or spikes or any 
other protuberances of any material other than rubber 
if and when (1) the state road commissioner has pre-
scribed rules and regulations authorizing such use, (2) 
such tires are used in strict conformity with any such 
rules and regulations, and (3) such tires are of a type 
approved by the state road commissioner. Any rules and 
regulations prescribed by the state road commissioner, 
which he is hereby authorized to promulgate, shall relate 
to the design, construction and use of such tires and the 
procedure which shall be followed when such tires are 
submitted for approval.

(e) The state road commission and local authorities 
in their respective jurisdictions may in their discretion 
issue special permits authorizing the operation upon the 
highway of traction engines or tractors having movable 
tracks with transverse corrugations upon the periphery 
of such movable tracks or farm tractors or other farm 
machinery, the operation of which upon a highway would 
otherwise be prohibited under this chapter.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that
the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

O. Roy Paskin
Chairman Senate Committee

James W. Gepp
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect from passage.

J. Howard Meyer
Clerk of the Senate

W. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Howard E. Carson
President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the month
day of February, 1966.

Nelte C. Smith
Governor