

39:3-72

April 30, 1971

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF R.S. 39:3-72
(Motor vehicles - rubber tire requirements approved by the
Director of Motor Vehicles).

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Related bills introduced (1965-1970):

1965 - A110 (Musto & others).
1966 - A721 (Parker & Gimson).
1967 - A520 (Parker & others).
1968 - A124 (Parker & others).
1969 - A442 (Wilson & others).

Periodical article on 1969 bill (A442): (copy enclosed).

"Bill focuses on unsafe tires", In:
A74.905 N.J. Motor Truck Assn.
NC16 Bulletin, April 1, 1969, p. 5
Vol VI, no. 7.

1970, Chapter 129 - A515
Introduced January 29, 1970 by Parker and Horn.
Amended in Assembly (copy enclosed).
No statement.
Governor made statement on signing (cop. enc.)

opping located: V.F. - N.J. - Automobiles - Inspection.
"Driving out the bad tires." NSL 4/3/70. (cop enc)

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ASSEMBLY, No. 515

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JANUARY 29, 1970

By Assemblymen PARKER and HORN

Referred to Committee on Taxation

AN ACT concerning motor vehicles and amending section 39:3-72
of the Revised Statutes.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Section 39:3-72 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 39:3-72. No person shall drive or move any motor vehicle
4 equipped with solid rubber tires unless every such tire shall have
5 rubber on its entire traction surface at least one inch thick above
6 the edge of the flange of the entire periphery. No person shall
7 drive or move any motor vehicle [equipped with any tire in such
8 condition as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or
9 property] or trailer upon the public highways, unless such motor
10 vehicle or trailer is equipped with tires in safe operating condition
11 in accordance with requirements approved by the director.

12 *The director shall promulgate rules of safe operating condition*
13 *capable of being employed by a law enforcement officer for visual*
14 *inspection of tires mounted on vehicles including visual comparison*
15 *with simple measuring gauges. Said requirements shall encompass*
16 *effects of tread wear and depth of tread. A tire shall be considered*
17 *unsafe if it has: (1) any ply or cord exposed; or (2) any bump,*
18 *bulge or knot affecting tire structure; or (3) any break repaired*
19 *with boot or patch; or (4) tread depths of less than 2 32 of an*
20 *inch measured in center of tire, at 2 points not closer than 15*
21 *inches. Nothing herein shall apply to farm vehicles registered*
22 *under section 39:3-24 of this Title.*

23 *Any law enforcement officer, at any time, upon reasonable cause*
24 *to believe that a vehicle is unsafe or equipped with tires in violation*
25 *of the provisions of this section or of the rules promulgated here-*
26 *under, may require the operator of such vehicle to stop and submit*

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27 *such vehicle to an inspection. If the inspection discloses the vehicle*
28 *to be in violation, the officer may issue a summons for such*
29 *violation.*

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 515

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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ADOPTED MARCH 19, 1970

Amend page 1, section 1, lines 19 to 21, omit item (4) in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following: “(4) Worn so that the tread wear indicators contact the road in any two adjacent major grooves at three locations spaced approximately equally around the outside of the tire.”.

news release



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7/8/70

Chap 129 Governor William T. Cahill today signed into law Assembly Bill A 515. The measure prohibits the use on New Jersey roads of tires with a tread depth of less than $\frac{2}{32}$ of an inch.

The new law goes into effect immediately.

Motor Vehicle Director Ronald M. Heymann, following the Governor's signing of the bill, said,

"The new legislation will help put safer cars on New Jersey's highways by insuring the use of proper tires. The law will be enforced by state and local police and by the Division's inspection stations where personnel have been notified to reject all vehicles with substandard tires."

In 1968, the Federal Government required tire manufacturers to install built-in ~~yellow cords~~ as tread wear indicators. This provides a quick visual check for tires that have been worn to the $\frac{2}{32}$ of an inch tread depth.

Richard L. Siegel, President of the New Jersey State Tire Dealers Association, said the legislation will help guarantee safer tires and operating conditions on the roads. Siegel also attended the Bill signing.

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