

CHAPTER 670

(House Bill 496)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 66A of Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "State Roads," subtitle "Duties and Powers," to provide that tires having anti-skid patterns especially designed to give effective traction on snow or ice covered streets and highways may be used on emergency snow routes.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 66A of Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "State Roads," subtitle "Duties and Powers," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

66A.

The State Roads Commission, after securing the approval of the members of the governing body of the county affected, is hereby authorized to designate such State highways as it deems appropriate as "emergency snow routes" and such highways when so designated shall be appropriately signed. After the highways have been designated and signed, and a snow emergency declared as hereinafter prescribed, it shall be unlawful for any motor vehicle to travel or attempt to travel upon such highway unless it is equipped with chains or unless both driving wheels are equipped with snow tires. For the purpose of this section snow tires shall mean those tires which are normally designated by the manufacturer as snow tires or such tires as may be approved by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles as meeting the standards of effectiveness required of normally designated snow tires or tires which have anti-skid patterns cut into the treaded surfaces to form bars, buttons or blocks especially designed to give effective traction on snow or ice covered streets and highways, and shall be in a good state of repair. It shall also be unlawful to park a vehicle on such a highway during the period of the emergency and the State Police or the police of any county or municipality of this State are hereby authorized to have any such vehicle so parked towed from said highway.

The Superintendent of the State Police or his representative shall have the authority to call such emergency for the State highways so designated as a whole or for such State highways in the State as he deems necessary which emergency shall continue in force and effect until the Superintendent or his representative shall declare it no longer necessary.

Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this section or the rules and regulations made pursuant hereto shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction be fined a minimum of \$10.00 or a maximum of \$25.00.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.

Approved May 6, 1966.
