

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Transportation

22-405.5.

(A) A PERSON MAY NOT SELL OR OFFER FOR SALE, AT RETAIL THE POINT OF FINAL RETAIL SALE TO THE CONSUMER, AN UNSAFE TIRE, FOR USE ON A HIGHWAY, THAT DOES NOT MEET OR EXCEED THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION OR IN REGULATIONS PROMULGATED UNDER SECTION 22-405(B) OF THIS ARTICLE.

(B) A TIRE SHALL BE CONSIDERED UNSAFE IF IT:

(1) HAS TREAD WEAR INDICATORS AND THE TIRE IS WORN TO THE POINT THAT THE TREAD WEAR INDICATORS ARE FLUSH WITH THE TREAD AT ANY PLACE ON THE TIRE;

~~{1}~~ (2) DOES NOT HAVE TREAD WEAR INDICATORS AND THE TIRE IS WORN SO THAT LESS THAN 2/32 OF AN INCH TREAD REMAINS WHEN MEASURED IN ANY GROOVE AT THREE LOCATIONS SPACED APPROXIMATELY EQUALLY AROUND THE OUTSIDE OF THE TIRE-- ;

~~{1}~~ PROVIDED THAT MOTORCYCLE TIRES SHALL BE ALLOWED TO BE WORN DOWN TO 1/32 OF AN INCH, --MEASURED--AS IN-PARAGRAPH-(1)-OF-THIS-SUBSECTION, IF MEASURED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH;

~~{1}~~ --FRONT--TIRES--OR--STEERING--AXLE--OF VEHICLES--WITH--A--GROSS--WEIGHT--OF--MORE--THAN--10,000--POUNDS SHALL--BE--ALLOWED--TO--BE--WORN--ONLY--TO--4/32--OF--AN--INCH, MEASURED--AS--IN--PARAGRAPH-(1)-OF-THIS-SUBSECTION;

~~{2}~~ --IS--WORN--SO--THAT--TREAD--WEAR--INDICATORS--WOULD CONTACT--THE--ROAD--IN--ANY--TWO--ADJACENT--GROOVES--AT--THREE LOCATIONS--SPACED--APPROXIMATELY--EQUALLY--AROUND--THE--OUTSIDE--OF THE--TIRE;

(3) HAS A WORN SPOT THAT EXPOSES THE CORD THROUGH THE TREAD;

(4) HAS TREAD CUTS, SNAGS, OR SIDEWALL CRACKS IN ANY DIRECTION WHICH ARE DEEP ENOUGH TO EXPOSE BODY CORDS;

(5) HAS VISIBLE BUMPS, BULGES, OR KNOTS INDICATING PARTIAL FAILURE OR SEPARATION OF THE TIRE STRUCTURE;

(6) HAS UNREPAIRED FABRIC BREAKS OR THE SIDEWALL HAS DAMAGED BODY CORDS;

(7) HAS BEEN REGROOVED OR RECUT EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED IN § 22-405.1; OR