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H.B. No. 1356

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the sale or rental of certain motor vehicle tires;
creating a criminal offense.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading to Title 6, Business & Commerce Code,
is amended to read as follows:

TITLE 6. SALE, RENTAL, OR TRANSFER OF GOODS

SECTION 2. Title 6, Business & Commerce Code, is amended by
adding Chapter 205 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 205. SALE OR RENTAL OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE TIRES

Sec. 205.001. SALE OR RENTAL OF UNSAFE TIRES PROHIBITED.

(a) A person commits an offense if the person offers for sale or
rental, sells, or rents to another person a motor vehicle tire that
is or will be subject to inspection under Section 548.051,
Transportation Code, and that:

(1) has tire tread less than one-sixteenth of an inch
deep;

(2) has a localized worn spot that exposes the ply or
cord through the tread;

(3) has a tread or sidewall crack, cut, or snag as
measured on the outside of the tire that is more than one inch long
and deep enough to expose the body cords;

(4) has any visible bump, bulge, or knot apparently
related to tread or sidewall separation or partial failure of the

1 tire structure, including bead area;

2 (5) has been regrooved or recut below the original
3 groove depth, except for a special regroovable tire that has extra
4 undertread rubber for that purpose and is identified as a
5 regroovable tire;

6 (6) has been repaired temporarily by the use of a
7 blowout patch or boot;

8 (7) has worn tread wear indicators that contact the
9 road in any two adjacent major grooves in the center or middle of
10 the tire; or

11 (8) does not otherwise meet applicable Department of
12 Public Safety safety standards for the tire under Section [547.101](#),
13 Transportation Code.

14 (b) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor
15 punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$2,000.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.