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S.B. No. 511

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the installation of unsafe motor vehicle tires;  
creating a criminal offense.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 727, Transportation Code, is amended by  
adding Section 727.005 to read as follows:

Sec. 727.005. INSTALLATION OF UNSAFE TIRES; OFFENSE. (a) A  
person commits an offense if:

(1) the person owns or operates a business that  
installs tires on motor vehicles;

(2) the person or an employee of the person installs a  
tire on a motor vehicle to be used on a public street or highway;

(3) the tire is or will be subject to inspection under  
Section 548.051; and

(4) the person knows that the tire:

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

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

(C) 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;

(D) has any visible bump, bulge, or knot  
apparently related to tread or sidewall separation or partial

1 failure of the tire structure, including bead area;

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

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

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

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

14 (b) This section does not apply to the reinstallation of a  
15 tire on a motor vehicle that had been removed from the motor  
16 vehicle.

17 (c) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor  
18 punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.