

1 S.81

2 Introduced by Senator Lyons

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Highways; motor vehicles; studded snow tires

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit, with
7 certain exceptions, operation of vehicles equipped with studded snow tires on
8 Vermont highways other than from November 20 to April 20.

9 An act relating to operation on highways with studded snow tires

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1092 is amended to read:

12 § 1092. DAMAGING SURFACE OF ROAD

13 (a) ~~No~~ Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a person ~~may~~
14 shall not operate or move upon or over any highway or bridge a vehicle,
15 machine, or contrivance;

16 (1) which has any flange, ribs, clamps, or other object attached to or
17 made a part of; its wheels which will injure, cut into, or destroy the surface of
18 the highway or bridge to any appreciable extent; or

1 ~~(2) This provision does not restrict the right of any person to use with~~
2 ~~tires which are~~ equipped with “studs” or ~~“cleats,” so called,~~ “cleats” of a type
3 designed for general use to facilitate travel in winter.

4 (b) The prohibition of subdivision (a)(2) of this section shall not apply:

5 (1) from November 20 to April 20;

6 (2) to vehicles not registered or required to be registered in Vermont;

7 (3) to farm tractors; or

8 (4) to authorized emergency vehicles.

9 (c) In addition to any liability for damage otherwise provided by law, a
10 person who violates subdivision (a)(2) of this section shall be subject to:

11 (1) a warning for a first violation; and

12 (2) a fine of not less than \$100.00 for a second or subsequent violation.

13 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.