

1 S.120

2 Introduced by Senator Westman

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Motor vehicles; rental cars; winter tires

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require rental
7 car companies to make available for rental pleasure cars equipped with winter
8 tires from November 1 through March 15 on cars rented in Vermont.

9 An act relating to winter tires on rental cars

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

11 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1006c is amended to read:

12 § 1006c. ~~TRUCKS AND BUSES~~; CHAINS AND TIRE REQUIREMENTS

13 (a) The ~~traffic committee~~ Traffic Committee may require the use of tire
14 chains or winter tires on specified portions of state highways during periods of
15 winter weather for motor coaches, truck-tractor-semitrailer combinations, and
16 truck-tractor-trailer combinations.

17 (b) When tire chains or winter tires are required, advance notice shall be
18 given to the traveling public through signage and, whenever possible, through
19 public service announcements. In areas where tire chains or winter tires are

1 required, there shall be an adequate area for vehicles to pull off the traveled
2 way to affix any chains that might be required.

3 (c)(1) For the purposes of this subsection, "rental car company" means any
4 person offering pleasure cars for rent in Vermont on a short-term basis.

5 (2) From November 1 through March 15, a rental car company shall,
6 upon request, make available for rent pleasure cars equipped with winter tires.

7 (3) A rental car company that fails to comply with this subsection shall
8 be subject to the administrative penalties and to the procedures specified in
9 section 475 of this title.

10 (d) Under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25, the ~~traffic committee~~ Traffic Committee
11 may adopt such rules as are necessary to administer this section and may
12 delegate this authority to the ~~secretary~~ Secretary.

13 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.