

1 S.144

2 Introduced by Senator Sears

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 that offer cars for rent in Vermont to make available for rent in  
8 Vermont cars equipped with winter tires from November 15 through April 1.

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 may require the use of tire chains or winter tires  
14 on specified portions of State highways during periods of winter weather for  
15 motor coaches, truck-tractor-semitrailer combinations, and truck-tractor-trailer  
16 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) As used in this subsection, “rental car company” means any person  
4 offering pleasure cars for rent in Vermont on a short-term basis.

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

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

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

14 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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