

of Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1961 Supplement), title "State Roads Commission", sub-title "Duties and Powers", providing that the Superintendent of State Police may approve as snow tires those tires which meet certain requirements, but are not normally designated as snow tires by the manufacturer, so that a vehicle equipped with such approved snow tires may travel on a State emergency snow route when a snow emergency is in effect.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 66A of Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1957 Edition and 1961 Supplement), title "State Roads Commission", sub-title "Duties and Powers", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

66A.

The State Roads Commission, after securing the approval of the members of the governing body of the county affected, is hereby authorized to designate such State highways as it deems appropriate as "emergency snow routes" and such highways when so designated shall be appropriately signed. After the highways have been designated and signed, and a snow emergency declared as hereinafter prescribed, it shall be unlawful for any motor vehicle to travel or attempt to travel upon such highway unless it is equipped with chains or unless both rear wheels are equipped with snow tires. For the purpose of this section snow tires shall mean those tires which are normally designated by the manufacturer as snow tires or such tires as may be approved by the Superintendent of the State Police as meeting the Standards of effectiveness required of normally designated snow tires, and shall be in a good state of repair. It shall also be unlawful to park a vehicle on such a highway during the period of the emergency and the State Police are hereby authorized to have any such vehicle so parked towed from said highway.

The Superintendent of the State Police or his representative shall have the authority to call such emergency for the State highways so designated as a whole or for such State highways in the State as he deems necessary which emergency shall continue in force and effect until the Superintendent or his representative shall declare it no longer necessary.

Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this section or the rules and regulations made pursuant hereto shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction be fined a minimum of \$10.00 or a maximum of \$25.00.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1962.

Approved April 6, 1962.