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H.B. No. 2774

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the installation of unsafe motor vehicle tires;
3 creating a criminal offense.

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 (4) the person knows that the tire:

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

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

20 (C) has a tread or sidewall crack, cut, or snag as
21 measured on the outside of the tire that is more than one inch long
22 and deep enough to expose the body cords;

23 (D) has any visible bump, bulge, or knot
24 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) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor
15 punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.