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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 installs a tire on a motor vehicle to be
10 used on a public street or highway;

11 (2) the tire is or will be subject to inspection under
12 Section 548.051; and

13 (3) the tire:

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

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

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

21 (D) has any visible bump, bulge, or knot
22 apparently related to tread or sidewall separation or partial
23 failure of the tire structure, including bead area;

24 (E) has been regrooved or recut below the

1 original groove depth, except for a special regroovable tire that
2 has extra undertread rubber for that purpose and is identified as a
3 regroovable tire;

4 (F) has been repaired temporarily by the use of a
5 blowout patch or boot;

6 (G) has worn tread wear indicators that contact
7 the road in any two adjacent major grooves in the center or middle
8 of the tire; or

9 (H) does not otherwise meet applicable
10 Department of Public Safety safety standards for the tire adopted
11 under Section [547.101](#).

12 (b) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor
13 punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500.

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