

1-1 By: Rodríguez S.B. No. 511  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 29, 2019; February 14, 2019,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;  
 1-4 April 11, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 3; April 11, 2019,  
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-10		X		
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
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1-14		X		
1-15	X			
1-16	X			
1-17	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 511 By: Hinojosa

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the installation of unsafe motor vehicle tires;  
 1-22 providing a civil penalty.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 547.001, Transportation Code, is amended  
 1-25 by adding Subdivision (9-a) to read as follows:

1-26 (9-a) "Unsafe tire" means a tire that:

1-27 (A) has tire tread less than one-sixteenth of an  
 1-28 inch deep;

1-29 (B) has a localized worn spot that exposes the  
 1-30 ply or cord through the tread;

1-31 (C) has a tread or sidewall crack, cut, or snag as  
 1-32 measured on the outside of the tire that is more than an inch long  
 1-33 and deep enough to expose the body cords;

1-34 (D) has any visible bump, bulge, or knot  
 1-35 apparently related to tread or sidewall separation or partial  
 1-36 failure of the tire structure, including the bead area;

1-37 (E) has been repaired temporarily by the use of a  
 1-38 blowout patch or boot;

1-39 (F) has worn tread wear indicators that contact  
 1-40 the road in any two adjacent major grooves in the center or middle  
 1-41 of the tire; or

1-42 (G) does not otherwise meet applicable  
 1-43 department safety standards for the tire adopted under Section  
 1-44 547.101.

1-45 SECTION 2. Section 547.612, Transportation Code, is amended  
 1-46 by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

1-47 (f) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, a  
 1-48 person who owns or operates a business that installs tires on motor  
 1-49 vehicles or an employee of the person may not install an unsafe tire  
 1-50 on a motor vehicle to be used on a public street or highway. A  
 1-51 person who violates this subsection is liable to this state for a  
 1-52 civil penalty in an amount not to exceed \$500. This subsection does  
 1-53 not apply to the reinstallation of a tire on a motor vehicle that  
 1-54 had been removed from the motor vehicle. Section 542.301 does not  
 1-55 apply to a violation of this subsection.

1-56 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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