CHAPTER 255
[House Bill No. 230]
HIGHWAYS—MOTOR VEHICLE
TRACTION DEVICES—SIGNING
AN ACT Relating to highways; and amending section 2, chapter 7, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 47.36.250.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 2, chapter 7, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 47.36.250 are each amended to read as follows:

If the highway commission or its delegate determines at any time for any part of the public highway system that the unsafe conditions of the roadway require particular tires, tire chains or traction equipment in addition to or beyond the ordinary pneumatic rubber tires the commission may establish the following recommendations or requirements with respect to the use of such equipment for all persons using such public highway:

(1) Dangerous road conditions, chains (or studded tires), or other approved traction devices recommended.
(2) Dangerous road conditions, chains (or studded tires), or other approved traction devices required.
(3) Dangerous road conditions, chains required.

Any equipment which may be required by this section shall be approved by the state commission on equipment as authorized under RCW 46.37.420.

The highway commission shall place and maintain signs and other traffic control devices on the public highways which shall indicate the tire, tire chain or traction equipment recommendation or requirement determined under this section. Such signs or traffic control devices shall in no event prohibit the use of studded tires from November 1 to April 1, but when the highway commission determines that chains are required and that no other traction equipment will suffice, such requirement shall be applicable to all types of tires including studded tires. Such signs or traffic control devices may specify different recommendations or requirements for four wheel drive vehicles in gear.

Failure to obey a requirement indicated by a sign or other traffic control device placed or maintained under this section shall be a misdemeanor.

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