

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 1561

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FARM MACHINERY--TIRES

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/25/99

Passed by the House March 8, 1999
Yeas 97 Nays 0

CLYDE BALLARD
**Speaker of the House of
Representatives**

FRANK CHOPP
**Speaker of the House of
Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 14, 1999
Yeas 46 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN
President of the Senate

Approved May 7, 1999

GARY LOCKE
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

We, Dean R. Foster and Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1561** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

DEAN R. FOSTER
Chief Clerk

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN
Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Representatives Schoesler, Grant, McMorris, Mastin, G. Chandler, Lisk, Parlette, Mulliken, Delvin and Cox

Read first time 01/28/1999. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 AN ACT Relating to tires on farm machinery; and amending RCW
2 46.37.420.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.37.420 and 1990 c 105 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) It is unlawful to operate a vehicle upon the public highways of
7 this state unless it is completely equipped with pneumatic rubber tires
8 except vehicles equipped with temporary-use spare tires that meet
9 federal standards that are installed and used in accordance with the
10 manufacturer's instructions.

11 (2) No tire on a vehicle moved on a highway may have on its
12 periphery any block, flange, cleat, or spike or any other protuberance
13 of any material other than rubber which projects beyond the tread of
14 the traction surface of the tire, except that it is permissible to use
15 farm machinery equipped with pneumatic tires or solid rubber tracks
16 having protuberances that will not injure the highway, and except also
17 that it is permissible to use tire chains or metal studs imbedded
18 within the tire of reasonable proportions and of a type conforming to
19 rules adopted by the state patrol, upon any vehicle when required for

1 safety because of snow, ice, or other conditions tending to cause a
2 vehicle to skid. It is unlawful to use metal studs imbedded within the
3 tire between April 1st and November 1st. The state department of
4 transportation may, from time to time, determine additional periods in
5 which the use of tires with metal studs imbedded therein is lawful.

6 (3) The state department of transportation and local authorities in
7 their respective jurisdictions may issue special permits authorizing
8 the operation upon a highway of traction engines or tractors having
9 movable tracks with transverse corrugations upon the periphery of the
10 movable tracks or farm tractors or other farm machinery, the operation
11 of which upon a highway would otherwise be prohibited under this
12 section.

13 (4) Tires with metal studs imbedded therein may be used between
14 November 1st and April 1st upon school buses and fire department
15 vehicles, any law or regulation to the contrary notwithstanding.

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