



February 15, 2008

**ENGROSSED  
HOUSE BILL No. 1243**

DIGEST OF HB 1243 (Updated February 12, 2008 11:11 am - DI 71)

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-13; IC 9-19.

**Synopsis:** Retractable tire studs. Provides that a vehicle may be equipped on a year-round basis with tires that have retractable tire studs if the retractable tire studs remain retracted from May 2 to the following September 30.

**Effective:** July 1, 2008.

**Blanton, Austin**

(SENATE SPONSORS — WYSS, ROGERS)

January 14, 2008, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.  
January 17, 2008, reported — Do Pass.  
January 22, 2008, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.  
January 24, 2008, read third time, passed. Yeas 88, nays 0.

SENATE ACTION

January 29, 2008, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation and Veterans Affairs.  
February 14, 2008, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-13-2-154.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: **Sec. 154.8. "Retractable tire studs",**  
4 **for purposes of IC 9-19-18, means tire studs that:**

- 5 (1) **are capable of being retracted; and**
- 6 (2) **otherwise satisfy the requirements of IC 9-19-18-3(d).**

7 SECTION 2. IC 9-19-18-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.210-2005,  
8 SECTION 30, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
9 JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 3. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b)  
10 through ~~(d)~~; (e), a tire on a vehicle moved on a highway may not have  
11 on the tire's periphery a block, stud, flange, cleat, or spike or any other  
12 protuberance of any material other than rubber that projects beyond the  
13 tread of the traction surface of the tire.

14 (b) Implements of agriculture may use tires having protuberances  
15 that will not injure the highway.

16 (c) Tire chains of reasonable proportions may be used upon a  
17 vehicle when required for safety because of snow, ice, or other

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1 conditions tending to cause a vehicle to skid.  
 2 (d) From October 1 to the following May 1, a vehicle may use tires  
 3 in which have been inserted ice grips or tire studs, **including**  
 4 **retractable tire studs, that:**  
 5 (1) **are** of wear-resisting material;  
 6 (2) **are** installed in a manner that provides resiliency upon contact  
 7 with the road; ~~with~~  
 8 (3) **have** projections that do not exceed three thirty-seconds (3/32)  
 9 of an inch beyond the tread of the traction surface of the tire; and  
 10 (4) **are** constructed to prevent any appreciable damage to the road  
 11 surface.  
 12 (e) **Notwithstanding subsection (d), a vehicle may be equipped**  
 13 **year-round with tires that have retractable tire studs if the tire**  
 14 **studs remain retracted from May 2 to September 30 of each year.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Roads and Transportation, to which was referred House Bill 1243, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

AUSTIN, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 11, nays 0.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation and Veterans Affairs, to which was referred House Bill No. 1243, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is made to House Bill 1243 as printed January 18, 2008.)

WYSS, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0.

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