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H.701

Introduced by Representatives Lanpher of Vergennes, Burke of Brattleboro,
Gallivan of Chittenden, and McCarthy of St. Albans City

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Motor vehicles; rental car companies; pleasure cars; snow tires

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require that
rental car companies offer pleasure cars equipped with snow tires on cars
rented in Vermont from November 1 through March 15.

An act relating to snow tires on rental cars

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1006c is amended to read:

§ 1006c. ~~TRUCKS AND BUSES~~; CHAINS AND TIRE REQUIREMENTS

(a) The Traffic Committee may require the use of tire chains or winter tires
on specified portions of State highways during periods of winter weather for
motor coaches, truck-tractor-semitrailer combinations, and truck-tractor-trailer
combinations.

(b) When tire chains or winter tires are required, advance notice shall be
given to the traveling public through signage and, whenever possible, through
public service announcements. In areas where tire chains or winter tires are

1 required, there shall be an adequate area for vehicles to pull off the traveled
2 way to affix any chains that might be required.

3 (c)(1) As used in this subsection, “rental car company” means any person
4 offering pleasure cars for rent in Vermont for a period of less than one year.

5 (2) From November 1 through March 15, a rental car company shall
6 offer for rent pleasure cars equipped with snow tires on cars rented in
7 Vermont. A rental car company shall not be subject to an administrative
8 penalty under this subsection if at least 10 percent of its fleet of pleasure cars
9 registered in Vermont is available for rent equipped with snow tires.

10 (3) A rental car company that fails to comply with this subsection shall
11 be subject to an administrative penalty of not more than \$1,000.00. In
12 assessing and enforcing an administrative penalty under this subsection, the
13 Commissioner shall follow the procedures of subsections 475(d)–(g) of this
14 title.

15 (d) Under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25, the Traffic Committee may adopt such rules
16 as are necessary to administer this section and may delegate this authority to
17 the Secretary.

18 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

19 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.