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Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to creating the  
proper tire repair act

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2     the "proper tire repair act".

3     S 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new article  
4     12-D to read as follows:

5     ARTICLE 12-D

6     PROPER TIRE REPAIR ACT

7     SECTION 399-P. TITLE

8                     399-Q. DEFINITIONS.

9                     399-R. PROPER TIRE REPAIR.

10     S 399-P. TITLE. THIS ACT SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE "PROPER TIRE REPAIR  
11     ACT."

12     S 399-Q. DEFINITIONS. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE:

13     1. THE TERM "TIRE" SHALL MEAN A TIRE FOR USE ON MOTOR VEHICLES THAT  
14     HAVE A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING OF TEN THOUSAND POUNDS OR LESS.

15     2. THE TERM "MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR SHOP" SHALL MEAN MOTOR VEHICLE  
16     REPAIR SHOP AS DEFINED BY SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED NINE-  
17     TY-EIGHT-B OF THIS TITLE.

18     3. THE TERM "TIRE PATCH" SHALL MEAN A RUBBER COMPONENT USED TO SEAL  
19     DAMAGE TO THE INNER LINER OF A PASSENGER OR LIGHT TRUCK TIRE.

20     4. THE TERM "CURED RUBBER STEM" SHALL MEAN A RUBBER COMPONENT INSERTED  
21     IN A PASSENGER OR LIGHT TRUCK TIRE.

22     5. THE TERM "COMBINATION REPAIR UNIT" SHALL MEAN A SINGLE UNIT  
23     COMPRISED OF A TIRE PATCH AND A CURED RUBBER STEM TO REPAIR A PASSENGER  
24     OR LIGHT TRUCK TIRE.

25     S 399-R. PROPER TIRE REPAIR. 1. A TIRE REPAIR MAY NOT BE PERFORMED AND  
26     WILL BE DEEMED AN IMPROPER REPAIR IF PERFORMED BY A MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR  
27     SHOP WHEN:

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (A) THE TIRE TREAD DEPTH IS EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 2/32 INCH ON ANY  
2 AREA OF THE TREAD; OR  
3 (B) THE DAMAGE IS TO A TIRE SIDEWALL; OR  
4 (C) THE DAMAGE EXTENDS INTO THE TREAD SHOULDER/BELT EDGE AREA; OR  
5 (D) THE DAMAGE EXCEEDS 1/4 INCH; OR  
6 (E) THE TIRE HAS AN EXISTING IMPROPER REPAIR; OR  
7 (F) THE REPAIR WILL OVERLAP AN EXISTING, PROPER REPAIR.  
8 2. IF NONE OF THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION EXIST,  
9 A TIRE REPAIR CAN BE DEEMED TO BE A PROPER TIRE REPAIR IF A MOTOR VEHI-  
10 CLE SERVICE SHOP PERFORMS THE REPAIR AS FOLLOWS:  
11 (A) DEMOUNT THE TIRE FROM THE RIM/WHEEL ASSEMBLY;  
12 (B) INSPECT THE TIRE TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF DAMAGE ON THE INSIDE  
13 OF THE TIRE;  
14 (C) CLEAN THE INNER LINER TO REMOVE ANY CONTAMINANTS INSIDE THE TIRE;  
15 (D) REMOVE THE DAMAGED PORTIONS OF THE TIRE;  
16 (E) BUFF THE INNER LINER TO CREATE A SMOOTH AND EVEN SURFACE; AND  
17 (F) FILL THE INJURY WITH A CURED RUBBER STEM AND PROPERLY INSTALL A  
18 TIRE PATCH OR INSTALL A COMBINATION REPAIR UNIT.  
19 3. CIVIL PENALTY. THE COMMISSIONER, OR ANY PERSON DEPUTIZED BY HIM OR  
20 HER, MAY, BY ORDER, REQUIRE A MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR SHOP TO PAY TO THE  
21 PEOPLE OF THIS STATE A PENALTY OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR EACH IMPROPER  
22 TIRE REPAIR THAT WAS PERFORMED.  
23 S 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
24 have become a law.