

CHAPTER 215

AN ACT concerning the sale of tires and supplementing P.L.1960, c.39 (C.56:8-1 et seq.).

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

C.56:8-80.1 Prohibited sales of tires; violations, penalties.

1. a. A person shall not sell at retail, or offer for sale at retail, to the general public any tire intended for use on a motor vehicle if the tire:

- (1) has a tread depth of less than 1/16 inch measurable in any groove;
- (2) has any damage exposing the reinforcing plies of the tire, including any cuts, cracks, bulges, punctures, scrapes, or wear;
- (3) has any improper repairs, including, but not limited to:
 - (a) any repair to the sidewall or bead area of the tire;
 - (b) any repair made in the tread shoulder or belt edge area of the tire;
 - (c) any puncture that has not been sealed or patched on the inside and repaired with a cured rubber stem through the outside of the tire; or
 - (d) any puncture repair of damage larger than 1/4 inch;
- (4) shows evidence of prior use of a temporary tire sealant without evidence of a subsequent proper repair;
- (5) has a defaced or missing tire identification number;
- (6) has inner liner or bead damage; or
- (7) shows indication of internal separation, such as bulges or local areas of irregular tread wear.

b. A person who violates subsection a. of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$500 for a first offense and at least \$500 and not more than \$1,000 for a second and each subsequent offense , to be collected in a civil action by a summary proceeding under the "Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.). The Superior Court shall have jurisdiction of proceedings for the enforcement of the penalty provided by this section.

2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh month next following the date of enactment.

Approved August 7, 2017.