

AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN VEHICLES TO CARRY TRACTION CONTROL DEVICES DURING WINTER MONTHS; PROVIDING A PENALTY; AND PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Certain vehicles to carry tire traction devices during winter months. (1) (a) Except as provided in subsection (1)(b), from October 1 through April 30, a person operating a motor truck of 26,001 GVW or greater towing a trailer on a mountain pass or on a similar stretch of highway designated by the department of transportation as a place where traction control devices are potentially required shall carry in the vehicle approved traction control devices prescribed by the department.

(b) The requirement of subsection (1)(a) does not apply to a vehicle with four-wheel drive.

(2) A person who violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of \$225 for a first offense and not less than \$225 or more than \$500 for subsequent offenses.

(3) The department may adopt administrative rules to implement this section.

Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 61, chapter 9, part 4, and the provisions of Title 61, chapter 9, part 4, apply to [section 1].

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I hereby certify that the within bill,

HB 679, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

| Signed this | day |
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| of | , 2023. |

President of the Senate

| Signed this | day |
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INTRODUCED BY D. LOGE

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