

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 679  
2 INTRODUCED BY D. LOGE

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN VEHICLES TO CARRY TRACTION  
5 CONTROL DEVICES DURING WINTER MONTHS; ~~PROVIDING A PENALTY;~~ AND PROVIDING  
6 RULEMAKING AUTHORITY."

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

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10 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Certain vehicles to carry tire traction devices during winter months.**

11 (1) From October 1 through April 30, a person operating a tow truck, highway maintenance vehicle, motor truck  
12 of ~~1-ton capacity 26,000~~ 26,001 GVW or greater, ~~passenger bus, or truck tractor towing a trailer~~ on a mountain  
13 pass or on a similar stretch of highway designated by the department of transportation as a place where  
14 traction control devices ~~may be~~ are required shall carry in the vehicle approved traction control devices  
15 prescribed by the department.

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

18 ~~(2)(3)~~ The department may adopt administrative rules to implement this section.

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20 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an  
21 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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