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Legislature moves studded tire ban

The opposition was unable to hinder the rolling momentum behind LB619, which would ban the use of studded snow tires on Nebraska highways and roads.

The bill was voted out of select file to final reading with a vote of 25-16 after a short fight by Sen. Bernice Labedz and Patrick Venditte of Omaha.

Venditte offered a kill motion which was defeated 18-25.

Venditte claimed that damage to roads would be acceptable if the tires were able to increase traffic safety and save lives.

Sen. David Newell of Omaha said that studded snow tires may be a greater hinderance than a help. He cited the danger studded tires cause when the ruts are worn in the roads which can become slick and filled with rain.

The bill would become law on April 15, 1982 and would apply to all vehicles except emergency vehicles and those used by rural mail carriers.

Gov. Charles Thone has not indicated whether he will sign the bill if it reaches his desk.

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