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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to unsafe tires; creating s. 501.977,
3 F.S.; prohibiting the installation, for compensation,
4 of certain automobile or light truck tires; specifying
5 what constitutes an unsafe used tire; providing that
6 violations of the act are deceptive and unfair trade
7 practices; providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. Section 501.977, Florida Statutes, is created to
12 read:

13 501.977 Installation of unsafe tires.-

14 (1) A person in this state may not, for compensation,
15 install automobile or light truck tires for use on public
16 streets, roads, or highways if any of the following conditions
17 exist:

18 (a) Any area of the tire's tread is worn to 2/32-inch tread
19 depth or less.

20 (b) Damage to the tire, including any cut, crack, bulge,
21 puncture, scrape, or wear, exposes the reinforcing plies of the
22 tire.

23 (c) The tire has been repaired in one or more of the
24 following manners:

25 1. A repair made in the tread shoulder or belt edge area of
26 the tire.

27 2. A puncture repair using a cured rubber stem or plug
28 through to the outside of the tire instead of the puncture being
29 patched or sealed on the inside of the tire.

30 3. A repair to the sidewall or bead area of the tire.

31 4. A repair of a puncture larger than one-fourth of an
32 inch.

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33 (d) The tire shows evidence of a temporary tire sealant
34 having been used without a subsequent proper repair.

35 (e) The tire identification number has been defaced or
36 removed.

37 (f) The tire has inner liner or bead damage.

38 (g) The tire shows evidence of internal separation, such as
39 a bulge or an area of irregular tread wear.

40 (2) A person who knowingly violates this section commits a
41 deceptive and unfair trade practice actionable under the Florida
42 Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act pursuant to part II of
43 chapter 501, Florida Statutes.

44 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.