

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
 12 to 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
 19 tread 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

26 of 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.

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
39 as 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.

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