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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 963

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 963 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
5 changing Section 12-401 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-401) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-401)

7 Sec. 12-401. Restriction as to tire equipment. No metal  
8 tired vehicle, including tractors, motor vehicles of the second  
9 division, traction engines and other similar vehicles, shall be  
10 operated over any improved highway of this State, if such  
11 vehicle has on the periphery of any of the road wheels any  
12 block, stud, flange, cleat, ridge, lug or any projection of  
13 metal or wood which projects radially beyond the tread or  
14 traffic surface of the tire. This prohibition does not apply to  
15 pneumatic tires with metal studs used on vehicles operated by  
16 rural letter carriers who are employed or enjoy a contract with

1 the United States Postal Service for the purpose of delivering  
2 mail if such vehicle is actually used for such purpose during  
3 operations between November 15 of any year and April 1 of the  
4 following year, or to motor vehicles displaying a disability or  
5 disabled veteran license plate whose owner resides in an  
6 unincorporated area located upon a county or township highway  
7 or road and possesses a valid driver's license and operates the  
8 vehicle with such tires only during the period heretofore  
9 described, to paratransit vehicles operated to provide  
10 transportation for the elderly or disabled residents between  
11 November 15 of any year and April 1 of the following year, or  
12 to tracked type motor vehicles when that part of the vehicle  
13 coming in contact with the road surface does not contain any  
14 projections of any kind likely to injure the surface of the  
15 road; however, tractors, traction engines, and similar  
16 vehicles may be operated which have upon their road wheels  
17 V-shaped, diagonal or other cleats arranged in such a manner as  
18 to be continuously in contact with the road surface, provided  
19 that the gross weight upon such wheels per inch of width of  
20 such cleats in contact with the road surface, when measured in  
21 the direction of the axle of the vehicle, does not exceed 800  
22 pounds.

23 All motor vehicles and all other vehicles in tow thereof,  
24 or thereunto attached, operating upon any roadway, shall have  
25 tires of rubber or some material of equal resiliency. Solid  
26 tires shall be considered defective and shall not be permitted

1 to be used if the rubber or other material has been worn or  
2 otherwise reduced to a thickness of less than three-fourths of  
3 an undue vibration when the vehicle is in motion or to cause  
4 undue concentration of the wheel load on the surface of the  
5 road. The requirements of this Section do not apply to  
6 agricultural tractors or traction engines or to agricultural  
7 machinery, including wagons being used for agricultural  
8 purposes in tow thereof, or to road rollers or road building  
9 machinery operated at a speed not in excess of 10 miles per  
10 hour. All motor vehicles of the second division, operating upon  
11 any roadway shall have pneumatic tires, unless exempted herein.

12 Nothing in this Section shall be deemed to prohibit the use  
13 of tire chains of reasonable proportion upon any vehicle when  
14 required for safety because of snow, ice or other conditions  
15 tending to cause a vehicle to skid.

16 (Source: P.A. 94-619, eff. 1-1-06.)".