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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 400

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the use of studded tires and chains  
7 on motor vehicles."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 28.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 28.35.135. OPERATION OF VEHICLE WITH CERTAIN TIRES PRO-  
11 HIBITED. (a) It is lawful to operate a motor vehicle with studded  
12 tires or tires with chains attached on a paved highway or road only  
13 in a month and in a judicial district in which, during the past 10  
14 years, the minimum temperature in any day of that month for that  
15 district, according to the official records of the National Weather  
16 Service, has registered below 32 degrees Fahrenheit or in which  
17 measurable precipitation in the form of ice or snow has occurred.  
18 However, this section does not prevent the commissioner of highways  
19 from prohibiting by regulation the use of studded tires or tires with  
20 chains attached on any paved surface within his jurisdiction in any  
21 district during the months of May, June, July and August. A special  
22 permit to operate a motor vehicle with studded tires or chains may be  
23 issued at any time at the discretion of the commissioner of highways  
24 when unusual climatic conditions presenting a safety hazard arise.

25 (b) In this section "studded tire" means a tire with metal studs  
26 or spikes imbedded in the periphery of the tire surface, and protruding  
27 not more than one-fourth inch from the tire surface.  
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