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**A B I L L**

To amend sections 5511.09 and 5589.081 of the Revised 1  
Code to permit local jurisdictions to request the 2  
Director of Transportation to designate a name for 3  
a bridge that is part of the highway system and to 4  
allow the use of retractable studded snow tires 5  
any time of year so long as the studs are not 6  
extended during prohibited times. 7

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 5511.09 and 5589.081 of the Revised 8  
Code be amended to read as follows: 9

**Sec. 5511.09.** Within a county, any highway or bridge that is 10  
part of the state highway system may be officially assigned a 11  
distinctive name, commemorative of an historical event or 12  
personage or a commonly accepted and appropriate name, by which 13  
the highway or bridge is known. Upon agreement of the governing 14  
bodies of the county and each township and municipal corporation 15  
within the county through which the highway extends or in which 16

the bridge is located, a request for approval of the highway or 17  
bridge name may be submitted to the director of transportation. 18  
The agreement shall be indicated by a resolution from each 19  
governing body in support of the proposed highway or bridge name. 20  
The resolution may not be withdrawn, amended, or repealed for 21  
thirty days following receipt of the resolution by the requesting 22  
authority, or during the time the request is pending before the 23  
director. 24

Within thirty days after receipt of such a request, the 25  
director shall inform the requesting authority of ~~his~~ the 26  
director's decision. If the director approves the request, the 27  
requesting authority ~~may~~, at its own expense, may erect markers 28  
indicating the name of the highway or bridge within the county, 29  
provided that any marker so erected shall conform to the law of 30  
this state and to federal law and shall be in accordance with the 31  
directives for the signing of named memorial highways included in 32  
the manual adopted by the department of transportation under 33  
section 4511.09 of the Revised Code. 34

Only one name per county shall be assigned to a highway or a 35  
bridge under this section, and the name shall apply to the entire 36  
extension of the highway or the entire portion of the bridge 37  
within the county. A name assigned to a state highway or part 38  
thereof or a bridge under this section may be altered or 39  
abolished, pursuant to approval of the director, in the same 40  
manner as provided for assignment of the original name. 41

This section shall not in any way modify, limit, or restrict 42  
the authority of a municipal corporation to designate within the 43  
municipal corporation, the name of a highway or a bridge that is 44  
part of the state highway system. If a municipal corporation has 45  
acted pursuant to its authority and designated the name of a 46  
highway or bridge within the municipal corporation, no other name 47  
may be assigned to that highway or bridge under this section. 48

**Sec. 5589.081.** (A) For purposes of this section, "studded tire" means any tire designed for use on a vehicle and equipped with metal studs or studs of wear-resisting material that project beyond the tread of the traction surface of the tire; and "motor vehicle," "street or highway," "public safety vehicle," and "school bus" have the same ~~meaning~~ meanings as given those terms in section 4511.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) ~~Ne~~ (1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, no person shall operate any motor vehicle, other than a public safety vehicle or school bus, that is equipped with studded tires on any street or highway in this state, except during the period extending from the first day of November of each year through the fifteenth day of April of the succeeding year.

(2) A person may operate a motor vehicle that is equipped with retractable studded tires with the studs retracted at any time of the year, but shall operate the motor vehicle with the studs extended only as provided in division (B)(1) of this section.

(C) This section does not apply to the use of tire chains when there is snow or ice on the streets or highways where such chains are being used, or the immediate vicinity thereof.

**Section 2.** That existing sections 5511.09 and 5589.081 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.