



Fact Sheet: HB-1207: Motor Vehicle Traction Control Standards for Winter Conditions.

Sponsors: Rep. Roberts & Senators Donovan and Rankin.

History of Mountain Winter Driving Requirements:

Over the past few years, CDOT has in cooperation with CSP, looked at strategies and revisions to both operational standards and legislative changes to improve the ability of both CDOT and CSP to meet a growing challenge on the I-70 mountain corridor during winter months. Closures of I-70, whether just a lane/s or a total closure, has dramatic impacts to traffic and the economy of western Colorado. CDOT has been aggressively conducting an education effort of the motoring public as to the types of traction equipment and tires required on the I-70 mountain corridor during winter months. While these efforts have produced positive results, closures of I-70 still occur and many due to motorists not being prepared for winter driving conditions in the mountains.

What HB-1207 Accomplishes:

1. Allows for current technology and traction options by revising current statute. This allows for options for motorists while improving the traction of motor vehicles in the mountain corridor.
2. Sets minimum standards for tires being used in the mountain corridor during winter driving conditions.
3. Defines the I-70 mountain corridor by mileposts and timeframe and spells out traction equipment requirements for operation of a motor vehicle in that corridor.

Support HB-1207:

HB-1207 provides updated and revised language in statute that will help to impact winter driving closures on I-70 mountain corridor, thus improving safety of the highway for all and addressing the economic impacts of such closures for Colorado's economy. CMCA strongly supports these improvements for all motor vehicles operated in the I-70 mountain corridor.

State agencies assisted in the drafting and language of this bill.

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