

1 **SEC. 143. MOTOR VEHICLE TIRES SUPPORTING MAXIMUM**
2 **FUEL EFFICIENCY.**

3 (a) *STANDARDS FOR TIRES MANUFACTURED FOR*
4 *INTERSTATE COMMERCE.*—Section 30123 of title 49,
5 *United States Code, is amended—*

6 (1) *in subsection (b), by inserting after the first*
7 *sentence the following: “The grading system shall in-*
8 *clude standards for rating the fuel efficiency of tires*
9 *designed for use on passenger cars and light trucks.”;*

10 *and*

11 (2) *by adding at the end the following:*

12 “(d) *NATIONAL TIRE FUEL EFFICIENCY PROGRAM.*—

13 (1) *The Secretary shall develop and carry out a national*
14 *tire fuel efficiency program for tires designed for use on*
15 *passenger cars and light trucks.*

16 “(2) *The program shall include the following:*

17 “(A) *Policies and procedures for testing and la-*
18 *beling tires for fuel economy to enable tire buyers to*
19 *make informed purchasing decisions about the fuel*
20 *economy of tires.*

21 “(B) *Policies and procedures to promote the pur-*
22 *chase of energy-efficient replacement tires, including*
23 *purchase incentives, website listings on the Internet,*
24 *printed fuel economy guide booklets, and mandatory*
25 *requirements for tire retailers to provide tire buyers*
26 *with fuel-efficiency information on tires.*

1 “(C) *Minimum fuel economy standards for tires,*
2 *promulgated by the Secretary.*

3 “(3) *The minimum fuel economy standards for tires*
4 *shall—*

5 “(A) *ensure that the average fuel economy of re-*
6 *placement tires is equal to or better than the average*
7 *fuel economy of tires sold as original equipment;*

8 “(B) *secure the maximum technically feasible*
9 *and cost-effective fuel savings;*

10 “(C) *not adversely affect tire safety;*

11 “(D) *not adversely affect the average tire life of*
12 *replacement tires;*

13 “(E) *incorporate the results from—*

14 “(i) *laboratory testing; and*

15 “(ii) *to the extent appropriate and avail-*
16 *able, on-road fleet testing programs conducted by*
17 *the manufacturers; and*

18 “(F) *not adversely affect efforts to manage scrap*
19 *tires.*

20 “(4) *The policies, procedures, and standards developed*
21 *under paragraph (2) shall apply to all types and models*
22 *of tires that are covered by the uniform tire quality grading*
23 *standards under section 575.104 of title 49, Code of Federal*
24 *Regulations (or any successor regulation).*

1 “(5) Not less often than every three years, the Secretary
2 shall review the minimum fuel economy standards in effect
3 for tires under this subsection and revise the standards as
4 necessary to ensure compliance with requirements under
5 paragraph (3). The Secretary may not, however, reduce the
6 average fuel economy standards applicable to replacement
7 tires.

8 “(6) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to pre-
9 empt any provision of State law relating to higher fuel
10 economy standards applicable to replacement tires designed
11 for use on passenger cars and light trucks.

12 “(7) Nothing in this chapter shall apply to—

13 “(A) a tire or group of tires with the same SKU,
14 plant, and year, for which the volume of tires pro-
15 duced or imported is less than 15,000 annually;

16 “(B) a deep tread, winter-type snow tire, space-
17 saver tire, or temporary use spare tire;

18 “(C) a tire with a normal rim diameter of 12
19 inches or less;

20 “(D) a motorcycle tire; or

21 “(E) a tire manufactured specifically for use in
22 an off-road motorized recreational vehicle.

23 “(8) In this subsection, the term ‘fuel economy’, with
24 respect to tires, means the extent to which the tires con-

1 *tribute to the fuel economy of the motor vehicles on which*
2 *the tires are mounted.*

3 (b) *CONFORMING AMENDMENT.*—Section 30103(b) of
4 title 49, United States Code, is amended in paragraph (1)
5 by striking “When” and inserting “Except as provided in
6 section 30123(d) of this title, when”.

7 (c) *TIME FOR IMPLEMENTATION.*—The Secretary of
8 Transportation shall ensure that the national tire fuel effi-
9 ciency program required under subsection (d) of section
10 30123 of title 49, United States Code (as added by sub-
11 section (a)(2)), is administered so as to apply the policies,
12 procedures, and standards developed under paragraph (2)
13 of such subsection (d) beginning not later than March 31,
14 2008.

15 ***Subtitle D—Measures to Conserve***
16 ***Petroleum***

17 ***SEC. 151. REDUCTION OF DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED PE-***
18 ***TROLEUM.***

19 (a) *REPORT.*—

20 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than February 1,
21 2006, and annually thereafter, the President shall
22 submit to Congress a report, based on the most recent
23 edition of the Annual Energy Outlook published by
24 the Energy Information Administration, assessing the
25 progress made by the United States toward the goal