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To amend section 30123 of title 49, United States Code, to require replacement tires for passenger vehicles to meet the standards required for tires on new vehicles.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SALAZAR introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FUEL ECONOMY STANDARDS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 30123 of title 49, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(d) FUEL ECONOMY.—(1) Replacement tires for
8 passenger motor vehicles (as defined in section 32101 of
9 this title) shall meet the standards required for tires on

1 new vehicles under part 571 of title 49, Code of Federal
2 Regulations, including standards affecting fuel economy.

3 “(2) Nothing in this section shall apply to—

4 “(A) a tire, or a group of tires with the same
5 SKU number, plant, and year, for which the volume
6 of tires produced or imported annually is fewer than
7 15,000;

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

10 “(C) a tire with a normal rim measuring not
11 more than 12 inches in diameter;

12 “(D) a motorcycle tire; or

13 “(E) a tire manufactured specifically for use in
14 an off-road motorized recreational vehicle.”.

15 (b) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 180 days after the
16 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
17 tation shall issue a final rule regarding policies and proce-
18 dures for testing and labeling tires for fuel economy
19 that—

20 (1) secures the maximum technically feasible
21 and cost-effective fuel savings;

22 (2) does not adversely affect tire safety;

23 (3) does not adversely affect average tire life;

24 and

1 (4) establishes minimum fuel economy stand-
2 ards for tires.

3 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
4 subsection (a) shall take effect on the expiration of the
5 date that is 180 days after the date of enactment of this
6 Act.

