

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 746 Session of  
2013

INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, ERICKSON, FERLO, WASHINGTON,  
FARNESE AND SCHWANK, MARCH 26, 2013

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 26, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for snow and ice dislodged or  
3 falling from certain moving vehicles.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 3720 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 3720. Snow and ice [dislodged or falling from moving  
9 vehicle].

10 (a) Duty to remove.--

11 (1) Any driver of a motor vehicle with a registered  
12 gross weight exceeding 48,000 pounds that is a truck tractor  
13 or combination being operated on any street or highway of  
14 this Commonwealth has an affirmative duty to make all  
15 reasonable efforts to remove all accumulated ice or snow from  
16 the motor vehicle, including the roof of the truck trailer or  
17 a vehicle in the combination.

18 (2) Any driver of a motor vehicle who violates this

1 subsection may be stopped on a street or highway by a law  
2 enforcement officer if the law enforcement officer believes  
3 the accumulated ice or snow may pose a threat to persons or  
4 property.

5 (3) Any person who violates this subsection shall be  
6 subject to a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$75 for  
7 each offense regardless of whether any snow or ice is  
8 dislodged from the vehicle.

9 (b) Dislodged or fallen snow or ice.--When snow or ice is  
10 dislodged or falls from a moving vehicle and strikes another  
11 vehicle or pedestrian causing death or serious bodily injury,  
12 the operator of the vehicle from which the snow or ice is  
13 dislodged or falls shall be subject to a fine of not less than  
14 \$200 nor more than [\$1,000] \$1,500 for each offense.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.