

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 114 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, LAUGHLIN, FONTANA, BLAKE, CAPPELLETTI,
SCAVELLO AND STEFANO, JANUARY 28, 2021

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, JANUARY 28, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions, repealing provisions
3 relating to snow and ice dislodged or falling from moving
4 vehicle and providing for snow and ice.

5 This act may be referred to as Christine's Law.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 3720 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
9 Consolidated Statutes is repealed:

10 [~~§ 3720. Snow and ice dislodged or falling from moving vehicle.~~
11 ~~When snow or ice is dislodged or falls from a moving vehicle~~
12 ~~and strikes another vehicle or pedestrian causing death or~~
13 ~~serious bodily injury, the operator of the vehicle from which~~
14 ~~the snow or ice is dislodged or falls shall be subject to a fine~~
15 ~~of not less than \$200 nor more than \$1,000 for each offense.]~~

16 Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:

17 § 3721. Snow and ice.

18 (a) Removal of snow and ice from a motor vehicle or motor
19 carrier vehicle.--

1 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a
2 driver of a motor vehicle or motor carrier vehicle being
3 operated on a highway of this Commonwealth shall make
4 reasonable efforts to remove accumulated ice or snow from the
5 motor vehicle or motor carrier vehicle, including the hood,
6 trunk and roof of the motor vehicle or motor carrier vehicle,
7 within 24 hours after the cessation of the falling snow or
8 ice.

9 (2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply if:

10 (i) the driver of the motor carrier vehicle, mass
11 transit vehicle, bus or school bus is en route to a
12 facility to remove accumulated ice or snow at the time of
13 the stop under paragraph (3); or

14 (ii) compliance with this section would cause the
15 driver of the motor carrier vehicle, mass transit
16 vehicle, bus or school bus to violate any other Federal
17 or State law or regulation regarding workplace safety or
18 would be a threat to the health and safety of the driver.

19 (3) A driver of a motor vehicle or motor carrier vehicle
20 who violates this subsection may be stopped on a highway by a
21 police officer if the police officer believes the accumulated
22 ice or snow may pose a threat to persons or property.

23 (4) A driver of a motor vehicle or motor carrier vehicle
24 who violates this subsection shall be subject to a fine of
25 \$50 for each offense regardless of whether any snow or ice is
26 dislodged from the vehicle.

27 (b) Dislodged or fallen snow or ice.--When snow or ice is
28 dislodged or falls from a moving vehicle or motor carrier
29 vehicle and strikes another vehicle or pedestrian causing death
30 or serious bodily injury, the operator of the vehicle from which

1 the snow or ice is dislodged or falls shall be subject to a fine
2 of not less than \$200 nor more than \$1,500 for each offense.

3 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.