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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 651**      Session of  
2007

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INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, LAVALLE, KITCHEN, WASHINGTON, RAFFERTY  
AND PUNT, MARCH 22, 2007

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REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 22, 2007

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for snow or ice dislodged or  
3 falling from 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 vehicle]  
9 on vehicles.

10 (a) Duty to remove.--

11 (1) Any driver of a motor vehicle being operated on any  
12 street or highway of this Commonwealth shall have an  
13 affirmative duty to make all reasonable efforts to remove all  
14 accumulated ice or snow from the motor vehicle, including the  
15 hood, trunk and roof of the motor vehicle.

16 (2) Any driver of a motor vehicle who violates this  
17 section may be stopped on a street or highway by a law  
18 enforcement officer if the law enforcement officer believes

1 the accumulated ice or snow may pose a threat to persons or  
2 property.

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

7 (b) Dislodged or fallen snow or ice.--When snow or ice is  
8 dislodged or falls from a moving vehicle and strikes another  
9 vehicle or pedestrian causing death or serious bodily injury as  
10 defined in section 3742 (relating to accidents involving death  
11 or personal injury), the operator of the vehicle from which the  
12 snow or ice is dislodged or falls shall be subject to a fine of  
13 not less than \$200 nor more than [\$1,000] \$1,500 for each  
14 offense.

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