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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, COSTA, BLAKE, SCHWANK AND  
YUDICHAK, FEBRUARY 27, 2017

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AN ACT

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

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) Removal of snow and ice from a motor vehicle or motor  
11 carrier vehicle.--

12 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a  
13 driver of a motor vehicle or motor carrier vehicle being  
14 operated on a street or highway of this Commonwealth shall  
15 make reasonable efforts to remove accumulated ice or snow  
16 from the motor vehicle or motor carrier vehicle, including  
17 the hood, trunk and roof of the motor vehicle or motor  
18 carrier vehicle, within 24 hours after the cessation of the

1 falling snow or ice.

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

3 (i) the driver of the motor carrier vehicle is en  
4 route to a facility to remove accumulated ice or snow at  
5 the time of the stop under paragraph (3); or

6 (ii) compliance with this section would cause the  
7 driver of the motor carrier vehicle to violate any other  
8 Federal or State law or regulation regarding workplace  
9 safety or would be a threat to the health and safety of  
10 the driver.

11 (3) A driver of a motor vehicle or motor carrier vehicle  
12 who violates this subsection may be stopped on a street or  
13 highway by a law enforcement officer if the law enforcement  
14 officer believes the accumulated ice or snow may pose a  
15 threat to persons or property.

16 (4) A driver of a motor vehicle or motor carrier vehicle  
17 who violates this subsection shall be subject to a fine of  
18 not less than \$25 nor more than \$75 for each offense  
19 regardless of whether any snow or ice is dislodged from the  
20 vehicle.

21 (b) Dislodged or fallen snow or ice.--When snow or ice is  
22 dislodged or falls from a moving vehicle or motor carrier  
23 vehicle and strikes another vehicle or pedestrian causing death  
24 or serious bodily injury, the operator of the vehicle from which  
25 the snow or ice is dislodged or falls and who is found in  
26 violation of subsection (a) shall be subject to a fine of not  
27 less than \$200 nor more than [\$1,000] \$1,500 for each offense.

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