

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 974 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY D. WILLIAMS, MADDEN, SANCHEZ, DAVIDSON,
SCHLOSSBERG, FREEMAN, ECKER, NEILSON, CIRESI, SHUSTERMAN AND
ISAACSON, MARCH 18, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 18, 2021

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) Duty to remove.--A driver of a motor vehicle has an
11 affirmative duty to remove accumulated snow or ice from the
12 motor vehicle prior to operating the motor vehicle. A driver who
13 operates a motor vehicle where accumulated snow or ice on the
14 motor vehicle may reasonably pose a threat to persons or
15 property shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$25 nor
16 more than \$75 for each offense, regardless of whether any snow
17 or ice is dislodged from the vehicle.

18 (b) Dislodged or fallen snow or ice.--When snow or ice is

1 dislodged or falls from a moving vehicle and strikes another
2 vehicle or pedestrian causing death or serious bodily injury,
3 the operator of the vehicle from which the snow or ice is
4 dislodged or falls shall be subject to a fine of not less than
5 \$200 nor more than [~~\$1,000~~] \$1,500 for each offense.

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