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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
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***AN ACT CONCERNING FAILURE TO REMOVE SNOW AND ICE FROM
A MOTOR VEHICLE IN OPERATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-271 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

3 (a) No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any highway unless such
4 vehicle is so constructed or loaded as to prevent any of its load from
5 dropping, sifting, leaking or otherwise escaping therefrom in such
6 manner or quantity as to constitute a hazard or nuisance to other users
7 of the highway, except that sand may be dropped for the purpose of
8 securing traction, or water or other substance may be sprinkled on a
9 roadway in cleaning or maintaining such roadway.

10 (b) No person shall operate on any highway any vehicle with any
11 load unless such load and any covering thereon is securely fastened so
12 as to prevent such covering or load from becoming loose, detached or
13 in any manner a hazard to other users of the highway.

14 (c) No person shall operate on any highway any vehicle having a

15 gross weight of five thousand pounds or more which is designed and
16 used exclusively for the collection and transportation of refuse and
17 which has a separable container with an open top unless the contents
18 of such container are secured by the use of a screen or other material
19 having perforations of a size not greater than two square inches when
20 such container is attached to such vehicle.

21 (d) No person shall operate on any highway any vehicle with an
22 accumulation of ice or snow, or any combination of ice or snow, in
23 excess of two inches in thickness on any exterior surface of such
24 vehicle. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any
25 amount of ice or snow that accumulates while the vehicle is in
26 operation during a period of snow, sleet, freezing rain or other
27 precipitation that causes snow or ice to accumulate on such vehicle.

28 [(d)] (e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to motor
29 vehicles registered as farm motor vehicles or vehicles used for farming
30 purposes.

31 [(e)] (f) Violation of any provision of subsection (a), (b) or (c) of this
32 section shall be an infraction for each offense.

33 (g) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (d) of this
34 section shall be fined not more than ten dollars for each square foot, or
35 any part thereof, of accumulation of ice or snow.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2008	14-271

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify the penalty for persons who operate a vehicle on any public road who fail to remove accumulated snow and ice from the exterior surface of the vehicle.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]