



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 561

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REMOVE
SNOW AND ICE FROM MOTOR VEHICLES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) The operator of any
2 motor vehicle, as defined in section 14-1 of the general statutes, shall
3 have an affirmative duty to remove accumulated ice or snow from the
4 motor vehicle, including the hood, trunk and roof of the motor vehicle,
5 so that any ice or snow accumulated on such vehicle does not pose a
6 threat to persons or property while the vehicle is being operated on
7 any street or highway of this state.

8 (b) When the operator of a motor vehicle violates the provisions of
9 this section and snow or ice is dislodged from such vehicle and causes
10 personal injury or property damage, the operator shall be fined not
11 less than two hundred dollars but not more than one thousand dollars
12 for each offense.

13 (c) This section shall not apply to (1) any operator of a motor vehicle
14 operated during a period of snow, sleet or freezing rain, or (2) any
15 operator of a motor vehicle while such vehicle is parked.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2009	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To require the removal of snow and ice from motor vehicles.

[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.]

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