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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 13-102**—sHB 6253  
*Transportation Committee*

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REMOVE  
ICE OR SNOW FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE**

**SUMMARY:** This act makes failing to remove snow or ice from a motor vehicle an infraction, thus making the fine payable by mail. The fine remains \$75.

The act applies to drivers of both non-commercial motor vehicles (e.g., passenger vehicles) and, starting December 31, 2013, commercial vehicles (e.g., buses and large trucks). By law, drivers must remove accumulated snow or ice from their vehicles (including the hood, trunk, and roof) so that it does not endanger people or property while they are driving. The law does not apply to drivers of vehicles (1) on which snow or ice collects while being driven or (2) that are parked.

The act does not change the payment procedure for violations of this law that cause personal injury or property damage, and thus still requires a court appearance for these offenses. By law, each such violation is punishable by (1) a \$200 to \$1,000 fine, if committed by the driver of a non-commercial motor vehicle and (2) starting December 31, 2013, a \$500 to \$1,250 fine if committed by the driver of a commercial motor vehicle.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

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