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An Act To Require Snow and Ice To Be Removed from Vehicles before Operation

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DILL of Penobscot. Cosponsored by Representative DION of Portland and Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, BURNS of Washington, DAVIS of Piscataquis, EDGECOMB of Aroostook, GERZOFSKY of Cumberland, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: EDGECOMB of Fort Fairfield, NOON of Sanford.

- 1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- 2 Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2396, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

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## 5. Solid precipitation. A person may not operate a motor vehicle at a speed of 40 miles per hour or more on a public way with a load of solid precipitation on the motor vehicle. For the purposes of this subsection, "solid precipitation" includes, but is not limited to, snow, ice, hail and sleet.

- When a reasonable effort has been made to completely remove a load of solid
  precipitation from a motor vehicle, minor amounts blown from the motor vehicle while in
  transit do not evidence a violation of this subsection.
- A violation of this subsection is a traffic infraction subject to a fine of not less than \$250
   for the first offense and not less than \$500 for a 2nd or subsequent offense.
  - SUMMARY

13 This bill prohibits a person from operating a motor vehicle at 40 miles per hour or 14 more on a public way without clearing the motor vehicle of solid precipitation. Operating 15 a motor vehicle under such circumstances is a traffic infraction subject to a \$250 fine for 16 a first offense and \$500 for a 2nd or subsequent offense.