

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 477

In Senate, April 9, 2019

### **An Act To Require That Certain Motor Vehicles Be Clear of Snow and Ice When Operated on Public Ways**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator WOODSOME of York. (BY REQUEST)  
Cosponsored by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford and  
Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, FARRIN of Somerset, FOLEY of  
York.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRS §2396, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

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

7 When the load of solid precipitation on a motor vehicle consists of minor amounts, and a  
8 reasonable effort has been made to completely remove the load, minor amounts blown  
9 from the motor vehicle while in transit do not evidence a violation of this subsection.

10 A violation of this subsection is a traffic infraction subject to a fine of not less than \$250  
11 for the first offense and not less than \$500 for a 2nd or subsequent offense.

12 This subsection does not apply to commercial trucks.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle at a speed of 40 miles per hour or  
15 more on a public way with a load of solid precipitation on the motor vehicle. Failure to  
16 clear a motor vehicle is a traffic infraction subject to a \$250 fine for a first offense and  
17 \$500 for a 2nd or subsequent offense. It exempts commercial trucks from the provision.