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## **An Act To Require That Motor Vehicles Be Clear of Solid Precipitation When Operated on Public Ways**

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

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

**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 loads 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 the load of solid precipitation on a motor vehicle consists of minor amounts, and a reasonable effort has been made to completely remove the load, 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**

This bill requires that a person operating a motor vehicle at 40 miles per hour or more on a public way clear the motor vehicle of solid precipitation. Failure to clear a motor vehicle is a traffic infraction subject to a \$250 fine for a first offense and \$500 for a 2nd or subsequent offense.