

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 2399

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Delegate Ward

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Establish penalty for failure to remove snow and ice from motor vehicles

5. Summary: This bill requires drivers to remove accumulated snow and ice from their motor vehicles prior to operation. Failure to do so could result in fines ranging from \$25 to \$75 for each offense, regardless of whether snow or ice dislodges from the vehicle. In those instances where snow or ice does dislodge resulting in injury or property damage, fines could range from:

- \$200 to \$1,000 for each offense committed by a noncommercial motor vehicle operator and
- \$500 to \$1,500 for each offense committed by a commercial motor vehicle operator.

Fines would not apply to motor vehicles operated during a snow/ice storm that began and continued during the vehicle's operation or those that are parked.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate (see Section 8)

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently, there is insufficient information available to reliably estimate the number of violations and the resulting additional funds from this proposed legislation. However, any fines collected under these provisions would be deposited into the Literary Fund.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: law enforcement agencies

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: N/A

11. Other Comments: None.

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