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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. AVELLA, HAMILTON -- read twice and ordered printed,  
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring  
reasonable efforts be made to clear motor vehicles of accumulated snow  
and ice

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new  
2 section 1229-e to read as follows:

3 § 1229-e. Clearance of accumulated snow and ice. 1. A motor vehicle  
4 operator shall make reasonable efforts to remove accumulated snow or ice  
5 on such motor vehicle, including but not limited to the windshield,  
6 windows, hood, trunk and roof of such motor vehicle, before operating  
7 the motor vehicle on any street or highway of this state in order to not  
8 pose a threat to other persons or property. Any operator who violates  
9 the provisions of this section shall be fined seventy-five dollars.

10 2. An operator of a non-commercial motor vehicle who violates the  
11 provisions of this section where such violation results in the personal  
12 injury or damage to the property of another person, shall be fined not  
13 less than two hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars for  
14 each offense. An operator of a commercial motor vehicle who violates the  
15 provisions of this section where such violation results in the personal  
16 injury or damage to the property of another person, shall be fined not  
17 less than five hundred dollars nor more than twelve hundred fifty  
18 dollars for each offense.

19 3. The provisions of this section shall not apply:  
20 (a) during the time such vehicle is parked, or  
21 (b) to emergency vehicles as defined by section one hundred one of  
22 this chapter.

23 § 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
24 have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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