§ 377. Vehicles engaged in the transportation of logs and other materials. 1. No vehicle which is designed or used for the purpose of hauling logs or other materials which by their very nature may shift or roll so as to be likely to fall from such vehicle, shall be operated or moved over any highway unless its load is securely fastened by such safety chains, cables or other suitable devices as will effectively prevent the shifting or falling of such load or any part thereof, from the vehicle.

2. The commissioner is authorized to make necessary rules and regulations to carry into effect the provisions of this section, applying such provisions to specific conditions and prescribing means, methods and practices to effectuate such provisions. Before any such rule or regulation is adopted, amended or repealed there shall be a public hearing thereon, notice of which shall be published at least once, not less than ten days prior thereto, in such newspaper as the commissioner may prescribe.

3. A violation of any of the provisions of this section or of any rule or regulation promulgated hereunder shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars for a first offense, three hundred fifty dollars for a second offense, or seven hundred fifty dollars for each subsequent offense, or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.