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AN ACT concerning careless driving and [1]**[**amending R.S.39:4-97**]** supplementing chapter 4 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes[1].

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

[1]**[**1. R.S.39:4-97 is amended to read as follows:

39:4-97. a. A person who drives a vehicle carelessly, or without due caution and circumspection, in a manner so as to endanger, or be likely to endanger, a person or property, shall be guilty of careless driving.

b. The driver of a vehicle shall be guilty of careless driving if accumulated ice or snow is dislodged from the vehicle and strikes another vehicle or pedestrian, causing injury or property damage.

(cf: P.L.1995, c.70, s.3)**]**[1]

[1]1. When snow or ice is dislodged from a moving vehicle and strikes another vehicle or pedestrian causing injury or property damage, the following penalties shall apply:

The operator of a non-commercial motor vehicle shall be subject to a fine of not less than $200 or more than $1,000 for each offense.

The operator, owner, lessee, bailee or any one of the aforesaid of a commercial motor vehicle shall be subject to a fine of not less than $500 or more than $1,500 for each offense.

No motor vehicle points or automobile insurance eligibility points pursuant to section 26 of P.L.1990, c.8 (C.17:33B-14) shall be assessed for this offense.[1]

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.
Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:
[1] Senate SLP committee amendments adopted March 24, 1997.

Creates penalty for peril caused by ice dislodged from vehicle.