

P.L. 1997, CHAPTER 124, *approved June 20, 1997*
Assembly, No. 2721 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning careless driving and ¹[amending R.S.39:4-97]
2 supplementing chapter 4 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes¹.

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

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

8 39:4-97. a. A person who drives a vehicle carelessly, or without
9 due caution and circumspection, in a manner so as to endanger, or be
10 likely to endanger, a person or property, shall be guilty of careless
11 driving.

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

15 (cf: P.L.1995, c.70, s.3)]¹

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17 ¹1. When snow or ice is dislodged from a moving vehicle and
18 strikes another vehicle or pedestrian causing injury or property
19 damage, the following penalties shall apply:

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

22 The operator, owner, lessee, bailee or any one of the aforesaid of
23 a commercial motor vehicle shall be subject to a fine of not less than
24 \$500 or more than \$1,500 for each offense.

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

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29 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.

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3 Creates penalty for peril caused by ice dislodged from vehicle.