

NOTICE

On October 19, 2009, Governor Corzine signed S520 into law with an effective date of October 2010. The legislation requires drivers (not owners) make reasonable efforts to remove cumulative ice and snow from a motor vehicle prior to operation. Failure may result in a fine from \$25.00 to \$75.00 for each offense. Please note the fine can be assessed whether or not the snow or ice has been dislodged from the motor vehicle. If snow or ice is dislodged from a vehicle, fines can be \$200-\$1,000 for non commercial vehicles and \$500-\$1,500 for commercial vehicles. Municipal vehicles are not exempt.



Members are reminded to:

- Have vehicles mechanically prepared for winter weather. Ensure wipers, defrosters, tires, headlights, etc. are in excellent condition.
- Watch weather forecasts. Prepare for predicted snow by
 - Fueling vehicle
 - Completely dry windshield. Cover with beach towel or similar cloth and secure in place.
 - Consider adding weight, (sandbags, etc) to increase traction
- Clear snow from windshield and remainder of vehicle.
- Drive especially carefully in the snow and ice. Turn, brake and accelerate slowly. Drive defensively. Other drivers might not be as good as you.