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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits snowplow operators from depositing snow in front of certain access points used by persons with disabilities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the removal of snow near certain access points
2 used by persons with disabilities and supplementing Title 39 of
3 the Revised Statutes.

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

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8 1. The operator of any snowplow or other equipment used for
9 the removal of snow on a public roadway, public walkway, or on
10 private property open to the public or to which the public is invited,
11 shall not deposit, or cause to be deposited, snow on any properly
12 marked access ramp, curb cut, special parking space, or other
13 improvement designed to provide access to persons with
14 disabilities. If snow is obstructing any properly marked access
15 ramp, curb cut, special parking space, or other improvement
16 designed to provide access to persons with disabilities, it shall be
17 removed within 24 hours after the weather condition causing the
18 snow ceases. An operator of any snowplow or other snow removal
19 equipment who fails to comply with the provisions of this section
20 shall be fined \$250 for the first offense and \$500 for each
21 subsequent offense.

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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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26 STATEMENT

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28 This bill prohibits snowplow operators or operators of equipment
29 used for the removal of snow on a public roadway, public walkway,
30 or on private property open to the public or to which the public is
31 invited, from depositing snow or causing snow to be deposited on
32 any properly marked access ramp, curb cut, special parking space,
33 or other improvement designed to provide access to persons with
34 disabilities. The bill also requires that if snow is obstructing any
35 properly marked access ramp, curb cut, special parking space, or
36 other improvement designed to provide access to persons with
37 disabilities, it be removed within 24 hours after the weather
38 condition causing the snow ceases. An operator who fails to comply
39 with the provisions of this bill will be fined \$250 for the first
40 offense and \$500 for each subsequent offense.

41 The removal of snow from public roadways, public walkways,
42 and other areas open to the public is a critical service during an
43 emergency snow event. However, snow removal activities that
44 cause snow deposits to obstruct access ramps, curb cuts, special
45 parking spaces, and other improvements designed to provide access
46 to persons with disabilities creates potential health and safety risks
47 and impedes the mobility of many New Jersey residents.