

# Maintenance Memorandum

**Date:** January 18, 1984

**Subject:** **Piling of Snow at Intersections and Driveways**

Attached for your information and possible use are the following items:

1. A copy of our latest press release outlining the conditions of Act 82 of Public Acts of 1978 regarding piling of snow on public highways. **(No longer attached)**.
2. A copy of the pertinent Act.

Some Districts have been expending considerable amounts of time personally explaining to property owners the law as it applies to clearing parking lots and/or driveways.

Therefore, you may wish to reproduce the copies and utilize as a handout.

Also attached, you may wish to utilize the sample letter to property owners.

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Engineer of Maintenance  
(Signature on file)

**Attachment**

“Excerpt from Section 257.677a of the Public Acts of Michigan”; 1 pg.

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*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**Section added; Michigan vehicle code.**

Section 1. Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, as amended, being sections 257.1 to 257.923 of the Compiled Laws of 1970, is amended by adding section 677a to read as follows:

**257.677a Obstruction of safety vision by removal of deposit of snow, ice, or slush prohibited. (M.S.A. 9.2377(1))**

Sec. 677a. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Person" shall not include the state or a political subdivision of the state or an employee of the state or a political subdivision of the state operating within the scope of his duties.

(b) "Safety vision" means an unobstructed line of sight enabling a driver to travel upon, enter, or exit a roadway in a safe manner.

(2) A person shall not remove, or cause to be removed, snow, ice, or slush onto or across a roadway or the shoulder of the roadway in a manner which obstructs the safety vision of the driver of a motor vehicle other than off-road vehicles.

(3) A person shall not deposit, or cause to be deposited, snow, ice, or slush onto or across a roadway or the shoulder of the roadway in a manner which obstructs the safety vision of the driver of a motor vehicle.

(4) A person shall not deposit or cause to be deposited, snow, ice or slush on any roadway or highway.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved March 29, 1978.