

DRAFT Proposal

Amendment to Establish Local Load Securement Standards for Passenger Cars and Trucks

Sec. 45-45. –Load Securement

(a) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section will have the meanings set forth in this subsection, except when the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(1) Load or Cargo means any material, object, equipment, tool, debris, appliance, or goods transported in or on a motor vehicle or attached trailer, regardless of weight, but does not include live animals.

(2) Securement Device means straps, tiedowns, ropes, nets, bungee cords, ratchet mechanisms, chains, containers, tarps, cargo boxes, or any manufacturer-approved means used to prevent movement of a load.

(3) Movement means shifting, sliding, tipping, leaking, spilling, blowing, or falling from a motor vehicle in a manner that may create a hazard.

(b) *General Load Securement Requirements.*

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to transport, carry, or cause to be transported or carried any load or cargo in an unenclosed, open area of a motor vehicle or attached trailer unless such load or cargo is secured by a securement device sufficient to prevent its movement.

(2) Any person who violates any provision of this article shall be guilty of an offense and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as provided in Section 1-6 of this Code. Each violation of this article shall constitute and be punishable as a separate offense.