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**Jesse White Reminds Motorists to Help Keep Illinois Roads Clean and Safe**

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is reminding motorists to drive safely and keep roads and highways clean.

“Although traffic has decreased due to the pandemic, littering can be a traffic safety issue on our roads whether it is from a truck whose truckload is uncovered or from a driver who has disposed of garbage out of a car window,” said White. “We should be mindful of the dangers of littering to others and to our environment,” said White.

According to the Illinois Litter Control Act, there is a mandatory minimum fine of \$50 for any person who is convicted of violating this act and a maximum fine of \$1,500 and possible jail time. A second conviction can result in up to one year in jail and a maximum fine of \$2,500.

White recommends the following tips to help keep our roadways clean and safe:

- Always carry a trash bag in your car. If you have litter, there will be somewhere to dispose of it.
- Securely cover open loads on all trucks.
- Clean out pickup truck beds. Random trash left in the back of pickups can easily blow out onto the street.
- Set an example for others. Children often imitate what they see. Prevent bad behavior by picking up after ourselves and not littering.
- Put cigarette butts where they belong: in ashtrays.

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