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A BILL

To enact section 505.872 of the Revised Code to 1
authorize certain townships to require the 2
removal of snow and ice from sidewalks abutting 3
property. 4

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 505.872 of the Revised Code be 5
enacted to read as follows: 6

Sec. 505.872. (A) A board of township trustees of a 7
township that has had an average of five or more inches of snow 8
during the months of November through April over a previous ten- 9
year period may adopt a resolution to require every owner, 10
occupant, or person having charge of any lot or parcel of land 11
in the unincorporated area of the township to remove snow and 12
ice from sidewalks abutting such lot or parcel. The resolution 13
shall specify a reasonable amount of time within which such 14
owner, occupant, or person shall comply with the requirement. 15

(B) The resolution may specify circumstances under which 16
individuals may be exempt from the requirement including, but 17
not limited to, age, infirmity, disability, or extended absence. 18

(C) No person complying with a township's resolution shall 19

be liable for personal injuries allegedly caused by that 20
compliance. 21

(D) The board of township trustees may cause the removal 22
of snow and ice from the sidewalk of an owner, occupant, or 23
person who has not complied with the township's resolution. All 24
expenses incurred in causing the removal of the snow and ice 25
shall be paid out of the township general fund from moneys not 26
otherwise appropriated. 27

(E) The board of township trustees may recover expenses it 28
incurs in the removal of snow and ice from the owner, occupant, 29
or person's sidewalk under this section. The board may direct 30
the township fiscal officer to certify the amount for expenses 31
and a description of the land to the county auditor, who shall 32
place the amount for expenses upon the tax duplicate as a lien 33
upon the land to be collected from the owner of record as other 34
taxes and returned to the township general fund. 35