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**Am. H. B. No. 375**

**Representatives Brown, Arndt**

**Cosponsors: Representatives LaTourette, Rogers, Hambley, Anielski, Sweeney**

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**A BILL**

To enact section 505.872 of the Revised Code to 1  
authorize townships to require the removal of 2  
snow and ice from sidewalks abutting property 3  
and to impose a fine for failure to do so. 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 may adopt a 7  
resolution to require every owner, occupant, or person having 8  
charge of any lot or parcel of land in the unincorporated area 9  
of the township to remove snow and ice from sidewalks abutting 10  
such lot or parcel. The resolution shall specify a reasonable 11  
amount of time within which such owner, occupant, or person 12  
shall comply with the requirement. 13

(B) The resolution may specify circumstances under which 14  
individuals may be exempt from the requirement, including but 15  
not limited to, age, infirmity, disability, or extended absence. 16

(C) Whoever violates this provision shall be fined a sum 17  
of not greater than fifty dollars for each day that the sidewalk 18

remains covered with snow or ice. 19

(D) No person complying with a township's resolution shall 20  
be liable for personal injuries allegedly caused by that 21  
compliance unless the alleged conduct was willful and wanton. 22

(E) The board of township trustees may cause the removal 23  
of snow and ice from the sidewalk of an owner, occupant, or 24  
person who has not complied with the township's resolution. All 25  
expenses incurred in causing the removal of the snow and ice 26  
shall be paid out of the township general fund from moneys not 27  
otherwise appropriated. 28

(F) The board of township trustees may utilize any lawful 29  
means to collect from an owner, occupant, or person a fine 30  
assessed against the owner, occupant, or person under this 31  
section or expenses incurred in the removal of snow and ice from 32  
the owner, occupant, or person's sidewalk under this section. 33  
The board may direct the township fiscal officer to certify the 34  
fine or expenses and a description of the land to the county 35  
auditor, who shall place the fine or expenses upon the tax 36  
duplicate as a lien upon the land to be collected as other taxes 37  
and returned to the township general fund. 38