



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

**Bill:** H.B. 39 of the 132nd G.A.

**Status:** As Introduced

**Sponsor:** Reps. Arndt and Gavarone

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Subject:** Snow and ice removal from township sidewalks

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The bill authorizes boards of township trustees, in townships that have had an average of five or more inches of snow during the months of November through April over a previous ten-year period, to adopt a resolution to require every owner, occupant, or person having charge of any lot or parcel of land in the unincorporated area of the township to remove snow and ice from sidewalks abutting the property. If an owner or responsible person fails to comply, the bill authorizes a township to remove the snow and ice, and requires that costs to do so be paid from the township's general fund. Under these circumstances, the bill authorizes a township to recover the snow removal costs by placing a tax lien on the property. Although townships could incur some small one-time costs to prepare and process resolutions and to remove snow or ice, overall net costs to township funds would likely be minimal, in particular since the bill allows townships to recover these costs through property liens.

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