

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO ENABLE VILLAGES, TOWNS AND CITIES TO ENFORCE THEIR LAWS AND ORDINANCES TO REMOVE SNOW OR OTHER OBSTRUCTIONS FROM SIDEWALKS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That all villages, towns and cities in this State that comply with the laws thereof to enforce the building of sidewalks, along any of its streets, and have the legal right to tax the expense of building said walks to the owner, or occupant of the lot, or premises, in front of which said walk is located; *provided always*, that such owner or occupant of such lot or premises does not comply with the laws of the State, village, town or city, in building and keeping in repairs said walks.

SEC. 2. That all such villages, towns and cities are hereby invested with the same authority as they may have for building and maintaining said sidewalks and taxing the expense and penalty thereof to said lots or premises, to promptly remove snow or other obstructions from such walks and collect such reasonable expense and penalty the same way.

SEC. 3. That notice to remove such obstructions shall be sufficient; after three hours' notice to the owner or occupant, or agent of such lot or premises, or member of either of the families or employes over thirteen years, with common intelligence, by any officer or citizen voter of such village, town or city, who may certify that there is such obstruction to the use of said walk; that said parties have been duly notified; that such notice was either verbal, written or printed, and filing such certificate with any member of the executive force of such incorporation; and in case of non-resident owners of such lots or premises, and no known agent near, a notice shall not be necessary in order to tax up such expense for removing obstructions where there has been a walk built.