



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

Sens. Gibbs, Goodman, Cafaro, D. Miller, Seitz

BILL SUMMARY

- Authorizes townships to plow certain private roads and driveways either at the expense of the township or for a fee charged to specified persons.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill authorizes a board of township trustees, by resolution, to use township equipment and labor, or equipment and labor available to the township for road maintenance under a contract, to plow the following roads and driveways in the unincorporated territory of the township: (1) private roads essential for providing access to the driveways of properties owned or inhabited by senior citizens¹ or disabled persons² who have incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level, or (2) the driveways of emergency service areas such as police and fire stations. The resolution must specify that the level of snowfall must be at least four inches, or a greater depth as determined by the board of township trustees, before resources may be used for these purposes.

The township's resolution must specify whether the township will provide the plowing services free of charge or whether it will charge a fee to the senior citizens or disabled persons who are entitled under the bill to the services. The resolution must specify the manner of documenting the allocation of resources to the authority granted by the bill, including a requirement that the documentation satisfy the accounting and

¹ A senior citizen, under the bill, is an individual who is 65 years of age or older.

² The bill defines a "disabled person" as an individual who has a "disability" as that term is defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990--generally a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities of an individual. (42 U.S.C. 12102.)

reporting requirements under the law whereby the Auditor of State conducts audits of public offices (Chapter 117.--not in the bill). If the resolution provides for a fee to be charged, the fee must be an amount necessary to defray the cost of plowing the road or driveway and it must be deposited in the township general fund.

HISTORY

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