

Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

122nd General Assembly of Ohio

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STATUS: As Passed by the House

SPONSOR: Rep. Clancy

LOCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED: No — Permissive

CONTENTS: Allows township trustees to provide snow and debris removal from undedicated roads and stream banks in emergencies

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

LOCAL GOVERNMENT	FY 1997	FY 1998	FUTURE YEARS
Townships			
Revenues	- 0 -	Potential gain	Potential gain
Expenditures	- 0 -	Potential increase	Potential increase

- Potential offsetting expenditure and revenue increases among townships that choose to remove snow, ice, debris, or other obstructions from undedicated roads and/or stream banks within the township.



Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Current law allows a board of township trustees to remove snow, ice, debris, or other obstructions from an undedicated road if they have declared an emergency. Current law only allows an emergency to be declared once it is in the process of occurring. The bill allows a board of township trustees to adopt a resolution declaring an emergency if the emergency is “imminent” and includes stream banks with undedicated roads as areas where the township may provide for the removal of snow, ice, debris, or other obstructions. As under current law, the bill requires that the township trustees charge a fee to cover the costs of clearing the road(s). Therefore, any new expenditures incurred by townships would be accompanied by offsetting gains in revenues.

The bill replaces the current five day limitation on the length of time any one resolution dealing with snow, ice, and debris removal can remain in effect with a one month limitation. The end result of these changes is to provide townships with more flexibility in when they can clear undedicated roads and stream banks and charge the owners of those areas for the service.

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