

# ***Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement***

*122<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of Ohio*

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**BILL: H.B. 304**

**DATE: April 30, 1997**

**STATUS: As Introduced**

**SPONSOR: Rep. Clancy**

**LOCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED: No — Permissive**

**CONTENTS: Allows township trustees to provide snow removal to undedicated roads**

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## ***State Fiscal Highlights***

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

## ***Local Fiscal Highlights***

<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>FY 1997</b>	<b>FY 1998</b>	<b>FUTURE YEARS</b>
<b>Townships</b>			
Revenues	- 0 -	Potential gain	Potential gain
Expenditures	- 0 -	Potential increase or decrease	Potential increase or decrease

- Potential offsetting expenditure and revenue increases among townships that choose to remove snow, ice, debris, or other obstructions from undedicated roads within the township.
- Potential decrease in township expenditures for roads that might not be accepted in the future as township roads.



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## ***Detailed Fiscal Analysis***

The bill allows a board of township trustees to adopt a resolution to provide for the removal of snow, ice, debris, or other obstructions from undedicated roads within the township and specifies that the resolution will expire not later than six months after it takes effect. As under current law, the bill requires that the township trustees charge a fee to cover the costs of clearing the road(s). The bill further provides townships with the right to deny acceptance of a road that has been approved by the county engineer if the township trustees or the township highway superintendent disagree with the finding of the county engineer as to the street having been constructed in accordance with specifications set forth on the approved plat and that the street is in good repair.

The first portion of this bill, dealing with the removal of snow, ice, and debris from undedicated roads, eliminates the necessity for a board of township trustees to declare an emergency prior to providing for the clearing of the roadway. The bill places a six month limitation on the length of time any one resolution dealing with snow, ice, and debris removal can remain in effect. The end result of these changes is to provide townships with more flexibility in when they can clear undedicated roads and charge the owners of those roads for the service.

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