

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

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STATUS: **As Reported by Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Affairs** SPONSOR: **Rep. Clancy**

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

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

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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	Potential increase

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



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## ***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”. 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 the changes is to provide townships with more flexibility in when they can clear undedicated roads and charge the owners for the service.

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