

HOUSE No. 1110.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 5, 1902.

The committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 194) of F. M. Smith for legislation to enable towns to remove snow and ice from permanent sidewalks, report the accompanying bill.

For the Committee,

THOMAS P. LARKIN.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Two.

AN ACT

To provide for the Removal of Snow and Ice from
Sidewalks in Towns.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the
same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Any town, the population of which
2 exceeds three thousand, which shall adopt the
3 provisions of this act at its annual town meeting,
4 or at a special meeting called for said purpose,
5 may annually appropriate and expend money for
6 the removal of snow and ice from its permanent
7 sidewalks constructed of brick, stone, cement,
8 concrete or asphalt, and may provide that the
9 board of assessors may assess upon the estates
10 abutting on said sidewalks, from which snow or ice
11 has been thus removed, the whole or any portion
12 of the cost of such removal, and the amount of
13 such assessment upon each estate, unless pre-
14 viously paid, shall be certified by such board of
15 assessors to the collector of taxes of the town,

16 who shall include the same in the next tax bill
17 issued for an annual tax upon such estate, and
18 the same shall be a lien upon such estate, and
19 shall be considered as constituting a part of,
20 and shall be levied, collected and paid or abated
21 in the same manner as the town taxes on real
22 estate.

1 SECTION 2. Any person, or the agent of any
2 person, owning any estate abutting on any side-
3 walk as aforesaid, may, on or before the first day
4 of November in any year, procure the exemption
5 of such estate from the assessment aforesaid for
6 the following year by an agreement in writing
7 with the selectmen that he will remove snow and
8 ice from the sidewalk on which the estate abuts
9 at such time and in such manner as the selectmen
10 shall direct; and if he fails to fulfil his agreement
11 the assessment above provided for shall be made
12 and collected as if no such agreement had been
13 made.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

