

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 369.

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[Bill accompanying the petition of Edward Glines, mayor of the city of Somerville, for legislation relative to the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks. Judiciary. June 27.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Three.

### AN ACT

Relative to the Removal of Snow and Ice from Sidewalks in Cities.

*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 city may by ordinance pro-  
2 vide that when snow or ice is not removed in  
3 accordance with its ordinances from the part of a  
4 sidewalk on which any lot of real estate abuts,  
5 the superintendent of streets or other officer of  
6 the city shall remove the same, or shall cover the  
7 ice and snow with sand or other suitable material  
8 to prevent travellers from slipping.

1      SECTION 2. Any expenses so incurred shall be  
2 a lien on the said lot and shall be paid by the  
3 owner thereof, and, if not paid prior to the first  
4 day of July next after the expenses are incurred,  
5 such superintendent or officer shall certify and  
6 commit a list of such lots and expenses to the  
7 assessors of taxes, who shall include said expenses  
8 in the tax bills for said lots and in the tax list and  
9 warrant committed by them to the collector of  
10 taxes. Said expenses shall be collected, re-  
11 assessed, paid, apportioned, bear interest, and  
12 become payable in the same manner as, and shall  
13 be a part of, the taxes for that year on such lots;  
14 but the assessors shall make no abatement thereof,  
15 except on the recommendation of the officer by  
16 whom the list was certified to them.

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