

# HOUSE . . . . No. 135.

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[House, No. 74, as passed to be engrossed by the House.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-four.

### AN ACT

Respecting the Liability of Cities and Towns owing  
to Defects in Sidewalks caused by Snow or Ice.

*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. No action hereafter accruing un-  
2 der the provisions of section eighteen of chapter  
3 fifty-two of the Public Statutes, shall be main-  
4 tained against any city or town, to recover for an  
5 injury or damage, owing to a defect in any side-  
6 walk, caused in whole or in part by ice or snow,  
7 unless such defect has existed for at least twenty-  
8 four hours before the occurrence of such injury  
9 or damage, or unless such city or town had actual  
10 notice of such defect in season, by the exercise

11 of reasonable care and diligence, to have remedied  
12 the same before such injury or damage occurred.

1 SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 26, 1884.

Passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

EDWARD A. McLAUGHLIN,  
*Clerk.*



