

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 249

Approved June 27, 2022.

WHEREAS, Sidewalks are public rights of way and should be accessible at all times to assure the fluidity of pedestrian traffic; and

WHEREAS, Following the most recent blizzard, Providence residents have had difficulties accessing and using sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, House Bill H 7384 states that all maintenance of sidewalks along state highways shall be the responsibility of the state, and such maintenance shall not include snow removal, sweeping, and cleaning; and

WHEREAS, If passed, this bill would be detrimental to pedestrian traffic as well as businesses in the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council does hereby oppose House Bill H 7384, An Act Relating to Highways- Sidewalks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House and members of the Providence Delegation.

IN CITY COUNCIL
JUN 16 2022
READ AND PASSED


JOHN J. IGLIZZI, PRESIDENT

Tina L. Mastrosianni
ACTING CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.



Mayor
Date:  6/27/22

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

A N A C T

RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- SIDEWALKS

Introduced By: Representatives Nardone, Roberts, and Chippendale

Date Introduced: February 09, 2022

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 24-7-8 of the General Laws in Chapter 24-7 entitled "Sidewalks" is
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **24-7-8. Sidewalks along state highways.**

4 (a) Nothing in this chapter shall be held to oust the state of jurisdiction over any such
5 sidewalks and curbing as may be made, laid, or constructed upon state highways within a town, but
6 no sidewalks or curbing on state highways shall be made, laid, or constructed without the approval
7 of the director of transportation first being had and obtained as to the feasibility, location, type, and
8 time of construction.

9 (b) All maintenance of sidewalks along state highways shall be the responsibility of the
10 state. Such maintenance shall not include snow removal, sweeping and cleaning.

11 SECTION 2. Section 24-8-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 24-8 entitled "Construction
12 and Maintenance of State Roads" is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 **24-8-6. Authority for sidewalks and curbs.**

14 (a) The director of transportation shall have the power and authority to make, lay in and
15 upon, and construct sidewalks, including curbs, adjacent to and along either or any one side or both
16 sides of any state road, now constructed, in the process of construction, or to be constructed, which
17 in his or her opinion and judgment require sidewalks and curbs for pedestrian travel.

18 (b) All maintenance of sidewalks along state highways shall be the responsibility of the
19 state. Such maintenance shall not include snow removal, sweeping and cleaning.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would require that maintenance of sidewalks along state highways be the
2 responsibility of the state. Such maintenance shall not include snow removal, sweeping and
3 cleaning.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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