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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO HIGHWAYS - SIDEWALKS

Introduced By: Senator Maryellen Goodwin

Date Introduced: March 19, 2019

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 24-7 of the General Laws entitled "Sidewalks" is hereby amended
2 by adding thereto the following section:

3 **24-7-12. Snow removal on state controlled pedestrian walkways.**

4 The director of the department of transportation is directed to organize and complete
5 snow removal on all sidewalks located on state highway overpasses, and on all pedestrian
6 overhead walkways under the control of the state that have significant pedestrian traffic. The
7 department is hereby directed to promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of
8 this section which shall, at a minimum, include identifying those sidewalks and walkways that
9 have significant pedestrian traffic. The department shall utilize and seek input from the various
10 cities and towns in identifying the subject sidewalks and walkways. The removal of snow shall be
11 completed within twenty-four (24) hours after the end of snowfall.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require the director of the department of transportation to organize and
2 complete snow removal on all sidewalks located on state highway overpasses and on all
3 pedestrian overhead walkways under the control of the state, and that have significant pedestrian
4 traffic, within twenty-four (24) hours after the end of a snowstorm.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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