

Fact Sheet

## **Sidewalk Snow And Ice Removal Fines**

### **H.1959 An Act Relative to Snow and Ice Removal on Public Ways**

#### **The problem:**

- Snow and ice on sidewalks force pedestrians to walk in streets or find other routes.
- Cities and towns that require removal of snow and ice from sidewalks may determine time and manner of removal and penalties for each violation.
- Fines are currently \$50 for a violation inside a city and \$10 inside a town.

#### **Need for legislation in Massachusetts**

- The state should support communities that have chosen to require removal of snow and ice from its sidewalks.
- Fines for non-compliance are insufficient to encourage compliance with the laws of these communities.

#### **Bill summary**

The proposed legislation would raise penalties to \$100 in cities and towns.