

CHAP. 318.—An Act Providing for the removal of snow and ice from the paved sidewalks of the District of Columbia.

September 16, 1922.
[S. 3086.]
[Public, No. 304.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be the duty of every person, partnership, corporation, joint-stock company, or syndicate in charge or control of any building or lot of land within the fire limits of the District of Columbia, fronting or abutting on a paved sidewalk, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee, or otherwise, within the first eight hours of daylight after the ceasing to fall of any snow or sleet, to remove and clear away, or cause to be removed and cleared away, such snow or sleet from so much of said sidewalk as is in front of or abuts on said building or lot of land.

District of Columbia.
Snow and sleet removal.

Required from sidewalks in fire limits, by owners, etc., of abutting property.

SEC. 2. That it shall be the duty of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, within the first eight hours of daylight after the ceasing to fall of any snow or sleet, or after the accumulation of ice on the paved sidewalks within the fire limits of the District of Columbia, in front of or adjacent to all public buildings, public squares, reservations, and open spaces in the said District owned or held by lease by said District, to cause such snow, sleet, and ice to be removed; and also to cause the same to be removed from all crosswalks of improved streets and places of intersection of alleys with paved sidewalks, and also from all paved sidewalks or crosswalks used as public thoroughfares through all public squares, reservations, or open spaces within the fire limits of said District owned or held by lease by the District of Columbia; but in the event of inability to remove such accumulation of snow, sleet, and ice without injury to the sidewalk, by reason of the hardening thereof, it shall be their duty, within the first eight hours of daylight after the hardening thereof, to make reasonably safe for travel, or cause to be made reasonably safe for travel, by the sprinkling of sand or ashes thereon, such paved sidewalks, crosswalks, and places of intersection of alleys with paved sidewalks, and shall, as soon thereafter as the weather shall permit, thoroughly clean, or cause to be thoroughly cleaned, said sidewalks, crosswalks, and places of intersection of alleys with paved sidewalks.

By District Commissioners, from sidewalks adjacent to District public buildings, etc.

Street crossings, alley intersections, etc.

Temporary use of sand or ashes until weather permits cleaning.

SEC. 3. That it shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer of the United States Army, within the first eight hours of daylight after the ceasing to fall of any snow or sleet, or after the accumulation of ice upon the paved sidewalks within the fire limits of the District of Columbia, to remove or cause to be removed from such sidewalks as are in front of or adjacent to all buildings owned or leased by the United States, except the Capitol buildings and grounds and the Congressional Library building, and from all paved sidewalks or crosswalks used as public thoroughfares in front of, around, or through all public squares, reservations, or open spaces within the fire limits of the District of Columbia, owned or leased by the United States, such snow, sleet, and ice; but in the event of inability to remove such accumulation of snow, sleet, and ice, by reason of the hardening thereof, without injury to the sidewalk, it shall be his duty, within the first eight hours of daylight after the hardening of such snow, sleet, and ice, to make reasonably safe for travel, or cause to be made reasonably safe for travel, by the sprinkling of sand or ashes thereon, such paved sidewalks and crosswalks, and shall, as soon thereafter as the weather shall permit, thoroughly clean said sidewalks and crosswalks.

By Chief Engineer of the Army, from sidewalks adjacent to Federal buildings, etc.

Capitol and Library of Congress excepted.

Crosswalks, etc., of public squares, etc.

Temporary use of sand or ashes until weather permits cleaning.

SEC. 4. In case the snow, sleet, and ice can not be removed from so much of the paved sidewalks within the fire limits of the District of Columbia as front upon or abut such buildings or lots of land as are not owned or held by lease by the District of Columbia or the

Temporary use of sand and ashes by private owners, etc., until weather permits cleaning.

United States without injury to said sidewalks, because of the hardening thereof, the person, partnership, corporation, joint-stock company, or syndicate in charge or control of such buildings or lots of land, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee, or otherwise, shall, within the first eight hours of daylight after the same has formed, make reasonably safe for travel, or cause to be made reasonably safe for travel, by the sprinkling of sand or ashes thereon, said sidewalks, and shall, as soon thereafter as the weather shall permit, thoroughly clean said sidewalks.

Removal by Commissioners on failure of owners, etc.

SEC. 5. That in the event of the failure of any person, partnership, corporation, joint-stock company, or syndicate to remove or cause to be removed such snow or ice from the said sidewalks, or to make the same reasonably safe for travel, or cause the same to be made reasonably safe for travel, as hereinbefore provided, it shall be the duty of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, as soon as practicable after the expiration of the time herein provided for the removal thereof, or for the making of the said sidewalks reasonably safe for travel, to cause the snow and ice in front of such building or lot of land to be removed or to cause the same to be made reasonably safe, as hereinbefore directed to be done by such person, partnership, corporation, joint-stock company, or syndicate in charge or control of such building or lot of land, and the amount of the expense of such removal or such work of making the said sidewalks reasonably safe for travel, shall in each instance be ascertained and certified by the said commissioners to the corporation counsel of the District of Columbia.

Expense to be certified to corporation counsel.

Suit for recovery, with penalty, etc.

SEC. 6. That the corporation counsel is hereby directed and authorized to sue for and recover from such person, partnership, corporation, joint-stock company, or syndicate the amount of such expense in the name of the District of Columbia, together with a penalty not exceeding \$25 for each offense, with costs, and when so recovered the amount shall be deposited to the credit of the District of Columbia.

Deposit of amount to credit of the District.

Appropriation for expenses.

Half from District revenues.

SEC. 7. That in order to enable the said commissioners and the Chief of Engineers of the United States Army to comply with their duties under this Act and to carry it into effect there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$10,000, one-half out of the general revenue fund of the District of Columbia and the other one-half out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, September 16, 1922.

September 16, 1922.
[H. R. 6258.]
[Public No. 305.]

CHAP. 319.—An Act To exempt from taxation certain property of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington, District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.
Daughters of American Revolution exempt from tax on designated lots in.
Vol. 39, pp. 514, 1009.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the property situated in square one hundred and seventy-three in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, described as lots twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, and sixteen, inclusive, occupied by the Daughters of the American Revolution, be exempt from and after February 28, 1921, from all taxation so long as the same is so occupied and used, subject to the provisions of section 8 of the Act approved March 3, 1877, providing for exemptions of church and school property, and Acts amendatory thereof.

Vol. 19, p. 309.

Approved, September 16, 1922.