

CHAPTER 343.

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AN ACT to authorize overseers of highways to clear the public highways from snow drifts.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

May order out tax-payers, and put road in passable order.

SECTION 1. It is hereby made the duty of overseers of highways, at any time during the winter, when any part of the public highways, in their respective districts, are blocked up by snow drifts, so as to render the same impassable, to call out, upon one day's notice, the tax-payers of said districts, and immediately put such part or parts of said highways in passable order: *provided*, that whenever it shall be deemed impracticable by such overseer to render such part or parts of highways passable, and to keep the same in such condition, it shall be lawful for him to open a track through any field or inclosure in his district for the temporary accommodation of travel, whenever the same may be done without any material damage to the owner or owners of such inclosures, and no person using such track shall be liable therefor in any civil or criminal action.

May open track through fields.

Credit for work.

SECTION 2. Every person who shall, upon notice being given by the overseer, appear with such tools as he shall direct, and work agreeably to the directions of such overseer, shall be credited on the highway tax roll which may still be in the hands of said overseer, the amount of such labor, or any part thereof: *provided*, said person performing such labor shall have not paid the full amount of tax assessed to him on said highway tax roll. But in no case shall he receive a greater credit than he may be delinquent on said tax roll, or may be entitled to on account of such labor. The overseer shall have power to levy and assess a tax not to exceed one-fourth the amount assessed on the taxable property on the highway tax roll of the previous year, said tax to be applied to rendering the highways passable, according to the provisions of section one of this act; said tax to be collected in the same way and manner as any other highway tax.

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Tax may be levied.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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