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CHAPTER 374.

AN ACT providing for keeping sidewalks clear of snow and ice in cities and villages incorporated under special charters, and collecting the expense thereof.

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

Common council of cities and trustees of villages to keep sidewalks clean of snow and ice.

SECTION 1. The common council of every city and the board of trustees of every village incorporated under any special charter may cause the sidewalks within such cities and villages to be kept clear of snow and ice and the expense thereof be charged as a special tax against the abutting lots or parcels of land, when the owner or occupant fail to keep the same clean. It shall be lawful for the common council of such city and the board of trustees of such village, by ordinance, to designate some officer whose duty it shall be to keep the sidewalks clear of snow and ice in all cases where the owner or occupants of abutting lots or parcels of land fail to do so.

In cases where owner or occupant fail to do so.

Duties of officers.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the officer designated as provided in the preceding section, under such rules or ordinance as the common council or board of trustees may make therefor, to keep the sidewalks in such city or village clear of snow and ice in all cases where the owners or occupants of abutting lots fail to do so, and the expense of clearing the snow or ice from sidewalks in front (and along the side of a corner lot or parcel of land) of any such lot or parcel of land shall be a lien thereon. And said officer shall keep an account of such expense and make a report of the same to the city or village clerk, who shall enter the amount therein charged to each lot or parcel of land in the next or subsequent tax roll, as a special tax against said lot or parcel

of land, and the same shall be collected in all respects like other city or village taxes upon real estate, and no lot or parcel of land in such city or village shall be exempt from the payment thereof.

SECTION 3. This act shall not be construed as prohibiting the authorities from imposing a fine or penalty in addition to the collecting of the expenses for neglecting to keep such sidewalks clear of snow and ice. Not to be construed to prohibit fine.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 375.

AN ACT to amend chapter 119, laws of 1879, relieving the trustees of the Wisconsin Soldiers' Orphans' Home of further duty and responsibility appertaining to their trust and abolishing the board.

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

SECTION 1. Colwert K. Pier, secretary of the board of trustees of the Wisconsin Soldiers' Orphans' Home, is hereby authorized and directed to sell and dispose of a piece of land containing about three acres, situated in the city of Fond du Lac, heretofore purchased by said board of trustees, the title to same being taken and still in trust and in the name of the state of Wisconsin, and when such sale is made and approved by the governor of the state of Wisconsin to execute a deed of same to the purchaser or purchasers transferring to the grantors of such deed all the title held by the state when the net pro- Colwert K. Pier directed to sell certain land.