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H. R. 5153

To amend the Act of September 16, 1922, to clarify the responsibility of Federal agencies to remove snow and ice for areas around Federal buildings in the District of Columbia.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SNOW REMOVAL.**

4 The Act of September 16, 1922 (42 Stat. 845, chap-
5 ter 318) is amended by striking section 3 and inserting
6 the following:

1 **“SEC. 3. DUTIES OF FEDERAL AGENCIES.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—It shall be the duty of a Federal
3 agency to remove, or cause to be removed, snow, sleet, or
4 ice from any paved sidewalk or crosswalk within the fire
5 limits of the District of Columbia that is—

6 “(1) in front of or adjacent to any building that
7 is—

8 “(A) owned by the United States; and

9 “(B) under the jurisdiction of the Federal
10 agency; or

11 “(2) a public thoroughfare in front of, around,
12 or through any public square, reservation, or open
13 space that is—

14 “(A) owned by the United States; and

15 “(B) under the jurisdiction of the Federal
16 agency.

17 “(b) TIMING.—The removal of snow, sleet, or ice
18 under subsection (a) shall occur within a reasonable period
19 after the snow or sleet ceases to fall or the ice has accumu-
20 lated, as applicable.

21 “(c) APPLICATION OF SAND, ASHES, AND SALT.—If
22 snow, sleet, or ice has hardened and cannot be removed
23 from a sidewalk or crosswalk described in subsection (a),
24 the Federal agency shall—

25 “(1) make the sidewalk or crosswalk reasonably
26 safe for travel by applying sand, ashes, salt, or other

1 acceptable materials to the affected sidewalk or
2 crosswalk; and

3 “(2) as soon as practicable, thoroughly remove
4 the snow, sleet, or ice from the affected sidewalk or
5 crosswalk.

6 “(d) AUTHORITY TO DELEGATE.—A Federal agency
7 may delegate the duty of the Federal agency under sub-
8 sections (a) and (c) to another governmental entity or a
9 nongovernmental entity under a lease, contract, or other
10 comparable arrangement.

11 “(e) AGREEMENT.—If 2 or more Federal agencies
12 have overlapping responsibility for a sidewalk or cross-
13 walk, the Federal agencies may enter into an agreement
14 assigning responsibility for the removal of snow, sleet, or
15 ice from the sidewalk or crosswalk.”.

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