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HOUSE BILL NO. 1087

Introduced by: Representatives Tulson, Clark, Goodwin, Jensen (Kevin), McCleerey, Rozum, Schoenfish, Tieszen, and Turbiville and Senators Stalzer, Bolin, Frerichs, Greenfield (Brock), and Klumb

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to authorize the recovery of attorney's fees in civil actions
2 relating to highway obstructions.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 31-32-8 be amended to read:

5 31-32-8. Any person violating the provisions of § 31-32-3.1, 31-32-6, or 31-32-7, in addition
6 to the judgments authorized by those sections, shall also be liable in a civil action to the
7 township or other public corporation to which ~~such~~ the highway, highway right-of-way, or
8 bridge belonged, in ~~such~~ the amount as may be recovered against ~~such~~ the township or other
9 public corporation, including a reasonable amount for attorney's fees, on account of the injury
10 or obstruction referred to in ~~such sections~~ § 31-32-3.1, 31-32-6, or 31-32-7.

11 Section 2. That § 31-32-9 be amended to read:

12 31-32-9. The governing body or board having charge of any street, road, or highway shall
13 cause rock, stone, glass, or other obstruction placed in ~~such~~ the street, road, or highway, to be
14 removed ~~therefrom~~, or in the event that the same is flooded by irrigation water, ~~such~~ the street,



1 road, or highway shall be repaired ~~and the~~. The first and second class municipality, township,
2 or county, ~~as the case may be, shall be~~ is entitled to recover ~~of any~~ from any person placing ~~such~~
3 the obstruction in ~~such~~ the street, road, or highway, or allowing the water to flow upon the same,
4 the amount necessarily expended in the removal or repair ~~thereof, including a reasonable~~
5 amount for attorney's fees, and ~~such~~ the action may be commenced in any court in the county
6 having jurisdiction ~~thereof~~. This section ~~shall~~ may not apply to the placing of rock or stone in
7 the streets, roads, or highways temporarily for building purposes.