

a fee to said commissioner for issuing such license, may obtain a license for carrying on the business of an insurance broker; and no license shall be issued to permit more than one person to act thereunder; and if such license shall be granted for a part of a year, a ratable sum shall be charged therefor.

1894, ch. 377.

**143 c.** Any person who shall use or exercise the business or occupation of an insurance broker, without having procured a license therefor as required by sections 143 A and 143 B of this article, shall be subject to a penalty of five hundred dollars for each offense, one-half for the use of the State and the other half to the informer.

Ibid.

**143 d.** It shall be the duty of the sheriff of the city of Baltimore and of the sheriff of each county throughout the State, to furnish to the Insurance Commissioner, prior to the first day of May in each and every year hereafter, the names of all persons conducting the business of "Insurance Broker" within the respective jurisdictions of each of said sheriffs.

**Fraternal Beneficiary Societies, Orders or Associations.**

1894, ch. 295.

**143 e.** A fraternal beneficiary association is hereby declared to be a corporation, society or voluntary association, formed or organized and carried on for the sole benefit of its members and their beneficiaries, and not for profit. Each such association shall have a lodge system, with ritualistic form of work and a representative form of government, and shall make provision only for the payment of benefits in case of sickness, disability or death of its members, subject to their compliance with its constitution and laws. The fund from which the payment of such benefits shall be made, and the fund from which the expenses of such association shall be defrayed, shall be derived from fees, assessments and dues collected from its members. Payments of death benefits may be made only to the widow, children, grandchildren, mother, father, brother, sister, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, first cousin, next of kin who would be distributees of the member's personal estate if he died intestate, to an affianced hus-