

ment the proper discharge of his duties require it, visit the county town or city where such fires occurred.

1894, ch. 248, sec 6.

**208.** The fire marshal shall, at the request of the board of fire commissioners of the city of Baltimore or the county commissioners of any county, or the municipal authorities of any incorporated city or town in this State, make to them a written report of the examination made by him regarding any fire happening within their respective jurisdictions.

Ibid. sec. 7.

**209.** It shall be the duty of each fire insurance company or association doing business in this State, within ten days after the adjustment of any loss sustained by it, to report to the fire marshal, upon blanks by him furnished, such information regarding the amount of insurance, the value of the property insured and the amount of claim as adjusted, as in the judgment of said fire marshal it is necessary for him to know.

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

1894, ch. 295, sec. 143 E.

**210.** 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 husband or affianced wife of the member, or to persons dependent upon the member for food, lodging, clothing or education, and to none other; provided, that payment can only be made to a beneficiary by reason of