

**Effective.** SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 6th, 1894.

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CHAPTER 295.

AN ACT to amend Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Corporations," sub-title "Insurance Department," by adding further new additional sections after Section 143 D, to be known as Sections 143 E, 143 F, 143 G, 143 H, 143 I, 143 J, 143 K, 143 L, 143 M, 143 N, 143 O, 143 P, 143 Q, 143 R.

**New sections.** SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Corporations," sub-title "Insurance Department," be amended by adding a sub-title designated "Fraternal Societies, Orders or Associations," and also adding fifteen new sections, to follow immediately after section 143 D of said article, to be designated as sections 143 E, 143 F, 143 G, 143 H, 143 I, 143 J, 143 K, 143 L, 143 M, 143 N, 143 O, 143 P, 143 Q and 143 R, to read, as to said respective sections, as follows:

FRATERNAL BENEFICIARY SOCIETIES, ORDERS OR ASSOCIATIONS.

**Fraternal beneficiary societies.** SEC. 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

**Form of government.** 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, neice, nephew, first cousin,

**Funds.**