

Groff, William H. Hahn and others, have formed themselves into a society, for the purpose of affording relief to each other and their respective families, in the event of sickness, distress and death, and have prayed for an act of incorporation, that they may better execute their benevolent intentions—Therefore.

CHAP. 34.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Peregrine Biddle, John N. Clark, William Durr, George N. Lowery, Daniel A. McJilton, John O. Shekell, William D. Burton, J. W. Barneclo, Abraham De Groff, William H. Hahn and others, who now are, or may hereafter become members of said society, and their successors, are hereby declared to be one community and body corporate, by the name style and title of the Mount Clare Total Abstinence Beneficial Society, of Baltimore, and by that name they shall be, and are hereby made able and capable in law to receive contributions, and purchase, possess, enjoy and retain to them and their successors, lands, tenements, rents, annuities, or other heraditaments, and the same to dispose of in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the interest of the said society; *provided,* that the said corporation or body politic, shall not at any one time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding the sum of five thousand dollars; *and provided also,* that nothing herein contained, shall be construed to authorize or empower said society, to do or perform any act not necessary to the attainment of the benevolent purpose for which the said society is herein declared to be incorporated.

Incorporated.

Name and style.

Corporate powers.

Provisoes.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That said society, and their successors, by the aforesaid name, shall hereafter be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, in all or any courts of justice whatsoever, and the said society may also adopt such by-laws and regulations as may deem necessary for the government thereof, the authentication of its acts, and the proper management of its concerns; *provided,* that the same shall not be contrary to any provisions of this act, or the laws of this State, or of the United States.

Legal capacity.

To make by laws.

Proviso.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful for the members of the said society to elect such officers as they may deem necessary to carry into full effect the benevolent designs of said society.

Power to elect officers.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That if at any time it may be deemed necessary to dissolve this society, a proposition to that effect, shall be laid on the table in writing, at a stated meeting of the society, and shall not be decided on until it has been full three months before the society, and shall not take effect unless three fourths of the resident members concur therein.

Dissolution.