

CHAP. 274. legislature being desirous of promoting such useful institutions—therefore,

Individuals in- SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of*  
 corporated *Maryland*, That William Askey, Stephen Severson, Nathaniel J. Ellicott, Martin Mettee, Nicholas McCubbin, Richard H. McMullen, William Coburn, Stephen F. Burgess, John Johnson, John Sailor, John Askey, Allen Burgess, Nathaniel Bramble, Samuel S. Barton, Richard Hopkins, and others, that now are, or may hereafter become members of said corporation, agreeably to the constitution, rules and by-laws of the same, and their successors, are hereby declared to be one community, corporation and body politic forever, by the name, style and title of the Wesley Beneficial Society of Baltimore; *provided nevertheless*, that the said corporation may be dissolved at any time by the consent of its members, as is hereinafter provided.

Name and style  
 Officers SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the affairs of said society shall be managed and conducted by a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, five stewards and a messenger, to be elected at such time and place as the said society may deem proper.

Corporate pow- SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the present members  
 ers of the said society, and their successors, by their corporate name, shall and may have perpetual succession, and may be at all times hereafter, persons able and capable in law, to purchase, take, have and enjoy, to them and their successors, in fee or less estate or estates, any lands, tenements, rents, annuities, chattels, United States stock, bank stock, registered debt or other public securities within this State, and the same at their pleasure to alien, transfer or lease, in such a manner as they may judge most conducive to the charitable uses of said society; *provided nevertheless*, that the said corporation shall not at any one time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in total value the sum of ten thousand dollars.

Limit of pro-  
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 General powers SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the members of the said corporation, and their successors, may meet together at such time and place as the said society may deem proper, and then and there elect the officers of the said society, and form rules and regulations, and enact such by-laws as may be necessary for assuring and carrying into effect the benevolent purposes of this act; *provided*, such rules, regulations and by-laws, be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States, of the State of Maryland, or of the corporation of the city of Baltimore.

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