

An Act to incorporate the Baltimore Beneficial Society. Lib. TH.
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Preamble

WHEREAS William Kesley, James Chalmers, William R. Glasgow, Samuel Krebs, Jacob Deems, Alexander Yearly, William P. Mills, John Bangs, and others, have formed themselves into a society for the laudable purpose of affording relief to each other and their respective families, in the event of sickness, distress and death, and have prayed an act of incorporation, that they may the better execute their intentions; and the legislature being desirous of promoting useful institutions, therefore,

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That William Kesley, James Chalmers, William R. Glasgow, Samuel Krebs, Jacob Deems, Alexander Yearly, William P. Mills, John Bangs, and others that now are or may hereafter become members of the said corporation herein erected, or may be admitted into the 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, for ever, by the name, style and title, of The Baltimore Beneficial Society; *Provided nevertheless*, that the said corporation may be dissolved at any time by the consent of its members as is hereinafter provided. Members incorporated

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the affairs of the said society shall be managed and conducted by a president, vice-president, treasurer, and acting committee of seven members, to be chosen annually on the first Monday in July in each and every succeeding year, in such manner as the said society shall think proper to appoint. Affairs, by whom to be managed

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the present members of the said society, and their successors, by their corporate name, shall and may have perpetual succession, and shall and may at all times hereafter be 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, by the gift, purchase or devise, of or from any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable to make the same, and the same at their pleasure to alien, sell, transfer or lease, in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the charitable uses of the said society; *Provided nevertheless*, that the said corporation or body politic shall not at any one time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in total value the sum of thirty thousand dollars. Privileges

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the members of the said corporation, and their successors, may meet together on the first Monday of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, at some convenient place in the city of Baltimore, or in the precincts thereof, and on the same day annually for ever thereafter, and then and there elect the officers of the said society, form such 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. Annual election of officers