

on the first day of the succeeding January; provided, however, that license shall continue in full force and effect until the new license be issued or specifically refused. For each such license or renewal the association shall pay the Insurance Commissioner twenty-five dollars. A duly certified copy or duplicate of such license shall be prima facie evidence that the licensee is a Fraternal Beneficiary association within the meaning of this act.

SEC. 16A. (*Admission of Foreign Associations.*) No foreign association now transacting business organized prior to the passage of this act, which is not now authorized to transact business in this State, shall transact any business herein without a license from the Insurance Commissioner. Any such association shall be entitled to a license to transact business within this State upon filing with the commissioner a duly certified copy of its charter or articles of association; a copy of its constitution and laws, certified by its secretary or corresponding officer; a power of attorney to the commissioner as hereinafter provided; a statement of its business under oath of its president and secretary, or corresponding officers, in the form required by the commissioner, duly verified by an examination made by the supervising insurance official of its home State or other States satisfactory to the Insurance Commissioner of this State; a certificate from the proper official in its home State, province or county that the association is legally organized; a copy of its contract, which must show that benefits are provided for by periodical, or other payments by persons holding similar contracts; and upon furnishing the commissioner such other information as he may deem necessary to a proper exhibit of its business and plan of working, and upon showing that its assets are invested in accordance with the laws of the State, territory, district, province or country where it is organized, he shall issue a license to such association to do business in this State until the first day of the succeeding January, and such license shall, upon compliance with the provisions of this act, be renewed annually, but in all cases to terminate on the first day of the succeeding January; provided, however, that license shall continue in full force and effect until the new license be issued or specifically refused. Any foreign association desiring admission to this State shall have the qualifications required of domestic associations organized under this act and have its assets invested as required by the laws of the State, territory, district, country or province where it is organized. For each such license or renewal the association shall pay the commissioner twenty-five dollars. When the com-