

insurance commissioner of this State a report of its affairs and operations during the year ending on the thirty-first day of December immediately preceding, which annual report shall be in lieu of all other reports required by any other law; such reports shall be upon appropriate blank forms to be provided by the insurance commissioner, and shall be verified under oath by the duly authorized officer of such association, and shall be published, or the substance thereof, in the annual report of the insurance commissioner, under a separate part, entitled "Fraternal Beneficiary Associations." The insurance commissioner is authorized and empowered at any time to address any additional inquiries to any such association, in relation to its doings or condition, or any other matter connected with its transactions relative to the business contemplated by section 229 to section 237 (both inclusive) of this article, and such officers of such associations as the insurance commissioner may require, shall promptly reply in writing under oath to all such inquiries if so required; and in case after such inquiry the insurance commissioner shall have reason to believe that such association is insolvent or cannot meet its obligations to its beneficiaries or certificate holders, or is conducting its business in an illegal manner, he may, by some person designated by him, examine the accounts, books and investments of said association at its home office, at the expense of said association, not to exceed in the aggregate the sum of fifty dollars; each such association on filing its annual report shall pay to the insurance commissioner the sum of twenty-five dollars.

Cited but not construed in *Himmel v. Elchengreen*, 107 Md. 612; *Supreme Lodge v. Simering*, 88 Md. 284; *International Fraternal Alliance v. State*, 86 Md. 552; *Barton v. International Fraternal Alliance*, 85 Md. 31.

See notes to sec. 229.

1904, art. 23, sec. 214. 1894, ch. 295, sec. 143 i.

233. Each such association now doing or hereinafter admitted to do business within this State, and not having its principal office within this State, and not being organized under the laws of this State, shall appoint, in writing, the insurance commissioner, or his successor in office, to be its true and lawful attorney upon whom all lawful process in any action or proceeding against it may be served, and in such writing shall agree that any lawful process against it which is served on said insurance commissioner shall be of the same legal force and validity as if served upon the association, and that the authority shall continue in force so long as any liability remains outstanding in this State. Copies of such certificate, certified by said insurance commissioner, shall be deemed sufficient evidence thereof, and shall be admitted in evidence with the same force and effect as the original thereof might be admitted. Service upon such attorney shall be deemed sufficient service upon such association. When legal process against any such association is served upon said insurance commissioner, he shall immediately notify the association of such service by letters prepaid and directed to its president, secretary and supreme or chief secretary or