

The expense of such examination shall be paid by the association examined, upon statement furnished by the Insurance Commissioner, and the examination shall be made at least once in three years. Whenever after examination the Insurance Commissioner is satisfied that any domestic association has failed to comply with any provisions of this Article, or is exceeding its powers, or is not carrying out its contracts in good faith, or is transacting business fraudulently, or wherever any domestic association after the existence of one year or more shall have a membership of less than 400 (or shall determine to discontinue business), the Insurance Commissioner may present the facts relating thereto to the Attorney General who shall, if he deem the circumstances warrant, commence an action in quo warranto in a court of competent jurisdiction, and such court shall thereupon notify the officers of such association of a hearing; and if it shall then appear that such association should be closed, said association shall be enjoined from carrying on any further business, and a receiver shall be appointed, in the manner authorized by Section 51 and Section 51A of this Article.

176. Repealed by ch. 428 of the Acts of 1933.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 181. 1922, ch. 492, sec. 178. 1929, ch. 226, sec. 181 (p. 721).

181. Every fraternal beneficiary association organized or licensed under this Article is hereby declared to be a charitable and benevolent institution.

1927, ch. 614.

183. Any fraternal benefit society authorized to do business in this state that is one hundred per cent. (100%) solvent and has been doing business in Maryland for six or more years and has been one hundred per cent. (100%) solvent for the entire period, and operating on the lodge plan may provide in its constitution and by-laws, in addition to other benefits provided therein, for the payment of death or annuity benefits upon the lives of children upon the application of some adult person upon whom such child is dependent for support and maintenance. Any such society may, at its option, organize and operate branches for such children, and membership in local lodges and initiation therein shall not be required of such children, nor shall they have any voice in the management of the society. The total benefits payable as above provided shall in no case exceed the following amounts at ages at next birthday at time of death, respectively, as follows: One, fifty dollars; two, seventy-five dollars; three, one hundred dollars; four, one hundred fifty dollars; five, one hundred seventy-five dollars; six, two hundred dollars; seven, two hundred fifty dollars; eight, three hundred twenty-five dollars; nine, four hundred dollars; ten, five hundred dollars, eleven, six hundred dollars, twelve, seven hundred dollars, thirteen, eight hundred dollars; fourteen, nine hundred dollars; fifteen and over, one thousand dollars. No benefit certificate as to any child shall take effect until after medical examination or inspec-