

nate lodges of Masons, Odd Fellows or Knights of Pythias (exclusive of the insurance department of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias), and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics (exclusive of the beneficiary degree or insurance branch of the National Council Junior Order United American Mechanics) or associations which limit their membership to any one hazardous occupation, or to similar associations which do not issue insurance certificates, or to an association of local lodges of a society now doing business in this State which provides death benefits not exceeding three hundred dollars to any one person, or disability benefits not exceeding three hundred dollars in any one year to any one person, or both, or to any contract of reinsurance business on such plans in this State, or to domestic associations which limit their membership to employees of any particular city or town, designated firm, business house or corporation, or to domestic lodges, orders or associations of a purely religious, charitable and benevolent description, which do not provide for a death benefit of more than one hundred dollars, or for disability benefits of more than one hundred and fifty dollars to any one person in any one year, or to corporations, societies or voluntary associations, the business of which is conducted strictly upon the mortuary assessment plan and of which the death benefit certificates are issued for no fixed amount and are limited to a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars in the case of any one person; provided, always, that any such domestic order or society which has more than five hundred members, and provides for death or disability benefits, any and any such domestic lodge, order or society which issues to any person a certificate providing for the payment of benefits, shall not be exempt by the provisions of this section, but shall comply with all the requirements of this Act.

The Insurance Commissioner may require from any society such information as will enable him to determine whether such society is exempt from the provisions of this Act. No society which is exempt by the provisions of this section from the requirement of this Act shall give or allow or promise to give or allow, to any person any compensation for procuring new members. Any fraternal beneficiary association heretofore organized and incorporated and operating within the definition set forth