

Throughout this section, the references to a certificate of "authority" are substituted for the former references to a certificate of "compliance" for consistency throughout this subtitle and to conform to administrative practice.

The only other changes are in style.

Defined terms: "Certificate of authority" § 1-101

"Commissioner" § 1-101

"Society" § 8-401

8-418. CONSTITUTION AND LAWS; GENERAL POWERS.

(A) CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

A SOCIETY MAY ADOPT AND AMEND A CONSTITUTION AND LAWS TO:

- (1) GOVERN THE SOCIETY;
- (2) ADMIT SOCIETY MEMBERS;
- (3) MANAGE SOCIETY AFFAIRS; AND
- (4) FIX AND READJUST THE RATES OF SOCIETY MEMBERS.

(B) WAIVER OF PROVISIONS BY SUBORDINATE BODY, OFFICER, OR MEMBER.

(1) THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE SOCIETY MAY PROVIDE THAT SUBORDINATE LODGES OR BRANCHES AND THEIR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS MAY NOT WAIVE ANY PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OR CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIETY.

(2) A PROVISION ADOPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION IS BINDING ON THE SOCIETY AND EACH MEMBER AND BENEFICIARY OF A MEMBER.

(C) GENERAL POWERS.

EXCEPT AS PROHIBITED BY THIS SUBTITLE, A SOCIETY HAS ANY OTHER POWER NECESSARY AND INCIDENTAL TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH IT IS ESTABLISHED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former CA § 6-410.

In subsection (a)(4) of this section, the former phrase "from time to time" is deleted as surplusage.

In subsection (c) of this section, the limitation "[e]xcept as prohibited by this subtitle" is added to state explicitly that which only was implied in the former law, *i.e.*, that a society's powers under this subsection are limited by the provisions that appear elsewhere in this subtitle.

Also in subsection (c) of this section, the phrase "for which it is established", which modifies "purposes", is added for clarity.