

Bequest sanctioned. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the sanction and consent of the General Assembly of Maryland be and the same is hereby given to said bequest; *provided,* that nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to affect any suit at law or legal proceeding now pending in any court of this State in relation to the property devised as aforesaid.

In force. Sec. —. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 4, 1870.

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CHAPTER 448.

AN ACT to Incorporate the Hope Mutual Life Insurance Company of Maryland.

Incorporation SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That George F. Needham, George N. Mackenzie, William B. Canfield, Ezra Whitman, E. Otis Hinkley, John Curlett, Gerard H. Reese, F. H. Grupy, John F. Wiley, William H. Richardson, Ed. T. Norris, John B. Brown, Samuel R. Smith, and all other persons who may hereafter associate with them, in the manner hereinafter prescribed, shall be, and are hereby declared a body politic and corporate, by the name of "The Hope Mutual Life Insurance Company of Maryland," and by that name may contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, defend and be defended against, in any and all Courts.

Name.

Powers. Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this corporation shall have no powers or privileges, except such as are expressly granted by this charter.

Insure lives of members. Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the corporation hereby created shall have the power to insure the lives of its respective members, and to make all and every insurance appertaining to, or connected with life risk, and to grant and purchase annuities, shall have a common seal, shall have power to make reinsurance of any risks