

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the American Funeral Benefit Association of Baltimore City, incorporated under the General Laws of this State by charter duly approved and recorded among the Charter Records of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, in Libers R. O. No. 36, folio 91, and R. O. No. 42, folio 339, etc., of which association Harry L. Brown, P. H. Felthausen, Lillie L. Johnson, John H. Connor, C. W. Lewis, J. T. Taylor, of Baltimore, Md.; L. F. Page, S. S. Banham, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; E. W. Hartz, of Harrisburg, Pa., and Hallie E. Merritt, of Washington, D. C., are the officers and directors, being successors of the incorporators thereof, they and their successors shall have perpetual succession as such, and they shall be and are hereby authorized to increase the number of directors for said association to not more than fifteen at any time it be deemed necessary and advisable; that the principal office of said association shall be located in Baltimore City, Maryland, and that the president, treasurer and secretary thereof shall be resident of the City of Baltimore and State of Maryland.

Officers and directors of same.

Location of principal office.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That said association shall be capable in law to purchase and retain property, real, personal and mixed, and to transfer, mortgage or otherwise dispose of same; and said association is authorized to loan its funds in hand upon good security as approved by the board of directors; and said association shall have authority to create and maintain a reserve fund for the benefit of its obligations.

Right to purchase property, loan funds, etc.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That said association may sue and be sued, answer and defend in any court of law or equity; may have use and at pleasure change a common seal, and in general exercise all such rights, privileges and immunities as by law are incident or necessary to this association, and to enable the members of said association, through its conventions, to exercise all things concerning the design for which this association was formed, as shall be regulated in the constitution and by-laws as now formed or hereafter amended.

Privileges and immunities.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That said association shall have power to make contracts with councils of all patriotic, fraternal and social organizations, orders or bodies for the payment of funeral benefits upon the death of members of said councils, organizations, orders or bodies; said funeral benefit, however, not to exceed the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars. That said American Funeral Benefit Association, by and through its board of directors, or by its conventions, shall have power

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