

and are authorized to adopt such plan of operation, assessments, fines and penalties, receipts and expenses and costs for obtaining the funeral benefits as it deems sufficient and expedient, and shall have all the benefits of the laws applicable to fraternal beneficiary organizations, and be amenable under the same.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 25, 1904.

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CHAPTER 175.

AN ACT amendatory of an Act passed at January Session 1868, entitled "An Act incorporating the Hagerstown and Cross Roads Turnpike Company by adding an additional section thereto to be known and designated as Section 6A, to read as follows:

6A. The Hagerstown and Cross Roads Turnpike Company is hereby authorized to purchase and occupy for the purpose of a gate keeper's house not more than one-half acre of land contiguous to the line of said road, at such point as they may select for a toll gate, and in the event of their failure or inability to obtain the same by the consent of the owner thereof upon a price agreed upon by said company and the owner of said land, it shall be lawful for the said Hagerstown and Cross Roads Turnpike Company to sue out of the Circuit Court of Washington County an inquisition for the assessment and valuation of said one-half acre of land, and upon the compliance by said company with the finding of the jury in such inquisition, by the payment or tender in payment to the owner thereof the amount prescribed, together with all costs and charges therein, it shall be lawful for the said company to occupy and possess the said piece of land for the purposes aforesaid.

Approved March 25, 1904.

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CHAPTER 176.

AN ACT to regulate the salary of the State's Attorney for Caroline County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the State's Attorney for Caroline County shall