

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the German-American Fire Insurance Company of Baltimore City, a corporation created under the General Laws of this State, and the certificate of incorporation which is recorded among the Charter Records of Baltimore City in Liber F. A. P., No. 21, folio 90, etc., may from time to time, as the directors of the corporation may determine and upon such terms as they shall prescribe, increase its capital to one million dollars, divided into the requisite number of shares not exceeding forty thousand of the par value of twenty-five dollars per share; and in addition to the power of insuring property within or without this State against loss or injury by fire, that the said German-American Fire Insurance Company of Baltimore City shall have the power of insuring property against loss or damage from tornadoes, windstorms and cyclones; and that said German-American Fire Insurance Company of Baltimore City shall have power to acquire by purchase, exchange, lease, mortgage, pledge or in any manner whatsoever any lands, chattels or the shares of stock of any corporation, including corporations having all or some of the same or similar powers as those possessed by the said German-American Fire Insurance Company of Baltimore City, or any bonds, certificates of indebtedness, notes or any kind of securities of any real, personal or mixed property of any kind or character, or any interest or estate therein; and that said German-American Fire Insurance Company of Baltimore City shall have power to hold, enjoy, sell, exchange, lease, or in any other manner dispose of any property it may be authorized to acquire; and to invest its capital by way of loan in any form or in any property which it may be authorized to acquire, and to execute all deeds, assignments, transfers or other instruments necessary to enable it to fully exercise all the powers of acquisition or disposition hereby conferred; and the said German-American Fire Insurance Company of Baltimore City shall also have all the rights, powers and privileges conferred upon corporations incorporated under Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland and under any amendments and supplements thereto.

To amend the charter of the German-American Fire Insurance Company of Baltimore City.

Power to insure property against loss from tornadoes, storms, etc.

Extending its rights, powers, etc.

Corporation to be perpetual.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said German-American Fire Insurance Company of Baltimore City shall by that name have perpetual succession, and that the existence of said corporation shall be perpetual.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 1, 1904.