

in criminal cases to the justices of the peace assigned to sit at the police station houses in Baltimore City.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect on the 2nd day of May, 1912.

Approved April 11, 1912.

CHAPTER 824.

AN ACT for the regulation and control of Fraternal Beneficiary Associations, and to repeal sections 210 to 225, both inclusive, of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Corporations," sub-title "Fraternal Beneficiary Associations," revision of 1904.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the following sections, designated 1A to 22A, inclusive, and 24A to 32A, inclusive, be added to the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, under title "Corporations," sub-title "Fraternal Beneficiary Associations," to take the place of sections 210 to 225, both inclusive, of said title and sub-title, in said Code of Public General Laws, revision of 1904:

SEC. 1A. (*Fraternal Beneficiary Associations Defined.*) Any corporation, society, order or association, without capital stock, organized and carried on solely for the mutual benefit of its members and their beneficiaries, and not for profit, and having a lodge system with ritualistic form of work and representative form of government, and which shall make provision for the payment of benefits in accordance with section 5A hereof, is hereby declared to be a fraternal beneficiary association.

SEC. 2A. (*Lodge System Defined.*) Any association having a supreme governing or legislative body and subordinate lodges or branches by whatever name known, into which members shall be elected, initiated and admitted in accordance with its constitution, laws, rules, regulations and prescribed ritualistic ceremonies which subordinate lodges or branches shall be required by the laws of such association to hold regular or stated meetings at least once in each month, shall be deemed to be operating on the lodge system.

SEC. 3A. (*Representative Form of Government Defined.*) Any such association shall be deemed to have a representative form of government when it shall provide in its constitution and