

each of said associations by its president and secretary, or corresponding officers, and a certificate of such officers, duly verified under oath of said officers of each of the contracting associations, that such merger or transfer has been approved by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the supreme legislative or governing body of each of said associations. Upon the submission of said contract, financial statements and certificates, the Insurance Commissioner shall examine the same, and, if he shall find such financial statements to be correct and the said contract to be in conformity with the provisions of this section, and that such merger or transfer is just and equitable to the members of each of said associations, he shall approve said merger or transfer, issue his certificate to that effect and thereupon the said contract of merger or transfer shall be of full force and effect.

In case such contract is not approved, the fact of its submission and its contents shall not be disclosed by the Insurance Commissioner.

See notes to this section (as it stood in 1911) in volume 1 of the Annotated Code.

1912, ch. 824, sec. 15A.

243. (*Annual License.*) Associations which are now authorized to transact business in this State may continue such business until the first day of January, 1913, and the authority of such association may thereafter be renewed annually, but in all cases to terminate on the first day of the succeeding January; provided, however, that license shall continue in full force and effect until the new license be issued or specifically refused. For each such license or renewal the association shall pay the Insurance Commissioner twenty-five dollars. A duly certified copy or duplicate of such license shall be *prima facie* evidence that the licensee is a Fraternal Beneficiary association within the meaning of this sub-title.

See notes to this section (as it stood in 1911) in volume 1 of the Annotated Code.

1912, ch. 824, sec. 16A.

244. (*Admission of Foreign Associations.*) No foreign association now transacting business organized prior to the passage of this sub-title, which is not now authorized to transact business in this State, shall transact any business herein without a license from the Insurance Commissioner. Any such association shall be entitled to a license to transact business within this State upon filing with the commissioner a duly certified copy of its charter or articles of association; a copy of its constitution and laws, certified by its secretary or corresponding officer; a power of attorney to the commissioner as hereinafter provided; a statement of its business under oath of its president and secretary, or corresponding officers, in the form required by the commissioner, duly verified by an examination made by the supervising insurance official of its home State or other States satisfactory to the Insurance Commissioner of this State; a certificate from the proper official