

death or disability resulting solely from accidents, but which does not obligate itself to pay death or sick benefits, may be licensed under the provisions of this sub-title, and shall have all the privileges and shall be subject to all the provisions and regulations of this sub-title, except that the provisions of this sub-title requiring medical examinations, valuations of benefit certificates, and that the certificate shall specify the amount of benefits, shall not apply to such association.

See section 232.

1912, ch. 824, sec. 31A.

**244M.** (*Taxation.*) Every fraternal beneficiary association organized or licensed under this sub-title is hereby declared to be a charitable and benevolent institution, and all of its funds shall be exempt from all and every State, county, district, municipal and school tax, other than taxes on real estate and office equipment.

1912, ch. 824, sec. 32A.

**244N.** (*Penalties.*) Any person, officer, member or examining physician of any association authorized to do business under this sub-title, who shall knowingly or wilfully make any false or fraudulent statement as representation in or with reference to any application for membership, or for the purpose of obtaining money from or benefit in any association transacting business under this sub-title, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or imprisonment in the county jail for not less than thirty days nor more than one year, or both, in the discretion of the court, and any person who shall wilfully make a false statement of any material fact or thing in a sworn statement as to the death or disability of a certificate-holder in any such association for the purpose of procuring payment of a benefit named in the certificate of such holder, and any person who shall wilfully make any false statement in any verified report or declaration under oath required or authorized by this sub-title, shall be guilty of perjury, and shall be proceeded against and punished as provided by the statutes of this State in relation to the crime of perjury. Any person who shall solicit membership for or in any manner assist in procuring membership in any fraternal beneficiary association not licensed to do business in this State, or who shall solicit membership for or in any manner assist in procuring membership in any such association not authorized, as herein provided, to do business as herein defined in this State, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dollars. Any association or any officer, agent or employee thereof neglecting or refusing to comply with, or violating any of the provisions of this sub-title, the penalty for which neglect, refusal or violation is not specified in this section, shall be fined not exceeding two hundred dollars upon conviction thereof.