

specifically refused. Any foreign association desiring admission to this State shall have the qualifications required of domestic associations organized under this Article, and have its assets invested as required by the laws of the State, territory, district, country or province where it is organized. For each such license or renewal the association shall pay the Commissioner twenty-five dollars. When the Commissioner refuses to license any association or revokes its authority to do business in this State he shall reduce his ruling, order or decision to writing and file the same in his office, and shall furnish a copy thereof, together with a statement of his reasons, to the officers of the association upon request, and the action of the Commissioner shall be reviewable by proper proceedings in any court of competent jurisdiction within the State; provided, however, that nothing contained in this or the preceding section shall be taken or construed as preventing any such association from continuing in good faith all contracts made in this State during the time such association was legally authorized to transact business herein; provided, however, that all such licenses to be issued January 1, 1928, shall be issued and paid for pro rata for the period of eighteen months ending June 30, 1929.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 181. 1922, ch. 492, sec. 178. 1929, ch. 226, sec. 181 (p. 721).

181. Every fraternal beneficiary association organized or licensed under this Article is hereby declared to be a charitable and benevolent institution.

1927, ch. 614.

183. Any fraternal benefit society authorized to do business in this state that is one hundred per cent. (100%) solvent and has been doing business in Maryland for six or more years and has been one hundred per cent. (100%) solvent for the entire period, and operating on the lodge plan may provide in its constitution and by-laws, in addition to other benefits provided therein, for the payment of death or annuity benefits upon the lives of children upon the application of some adult person upon whom such child is dependent for support and maintenance. Any such society may, at its option, organize and operate branches for such children, and membership in local lodges and initiation therein shall not be required of such children, nor shall they have any voice in the management of the society. The total benefits payable as above provided shall in no case exceed the following amounts at ages at next birthday at time of death, respectively, as follows: One, fifty dollars; two, seventy-five dollars; three, one hundred dollars; four, one hundred fifty dollars; five, one hundred seventy-five dollars; six, two hundred dollars; seven, two hundred fifty dollars; eight, three hundred twenty-five dollars; nine, four hundred dollars; ten, five hundred dollars, eleven, six hundred dollars, twelve seven hundred dollars, thirteen, eight hundred dollars; fourteen, nine hundred dollars; fifteen and over, one thousand dollars. No benefit certificate as to any child shall take effect until after medical examination or inspection, in accordance with the by-laws of the society, nor shall any such benefit certificate be issued unless the society shall simultaneously put in force