

allow or promise to give or allow, to any person any compensation for procuring new members. Any fraternal beneficiary association heretofore organized and incorporated and operating within the definition set forth in Sections 180, 181 and 182, providing for benefits in case of 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 Article, and shall have all the privileges and shall be subject to all the provisions and regulations of this Article, except that the provisions of this Article requiring medical examinations, valuations of benefit certificates, and that the certificates shall specify the amount of benefits, shall not apply to such associations.

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

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

As to exemptions from taxation in general, see art. 81, sec. 7.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 182. 1922, ch. 492, sec. 179.

216. (Penalties.) Any person, officer, member or examining physician of any association authorized to do business under this Article who shall knowingly or willfully make any false or fraudulent statement or 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 Article, 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 willfully 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 a false statement in any verified report or declaration made under oath required or authorized by this Article, 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 Article, 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.

1927, ch. 614.

217. Any fraternal benefit society authorized to do business in this state that is one hundred per cent. (100%) solvent and has been doing