

## CHAPTER 331.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Corporations," sub-title "Insurance Department," sub-title "Fraternal Societies, Orders or Associations," to follow 143 E, and to be designated as section 143 E 1.

**New section.** SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Corporations," sub-title "Insurance Department," sub-title "Fraternal Societies, Orders or Associations," be amended by adding one new section to follow section 143 E, and to be designated as section 143 E 1, to read as follows :

**Fraternal beneficiary associations.** 143 E1. Any such association coming within the description of a fraternal beneficiary association, as set forth in section 143 E of this article formed under the provisions of article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of this State and now doing business in this State, may continue such business, providing that it hereafter comply with the provisions of this section in addition to the existing requirements, as set forth in the Code of Public General Laws of this State in the supreme body of any such association composed of State council, conclave, lodge, chapter or district representatives, who are elected by the members of the association or by their duly accredited delegates; and others to the number of one-fourth or more of the entire membership of such supreme body who are not so elected as representatives. No member is qualified to vote unless he is a State council, conclave, lodge, chapter or district representative, elected by the members or their duly accredited delegates; and in computing the number of representatives to which a State or district is entitled in such supreme body; the number of members that is necessary to secure one representative shall be considered the unit of representation, and the number of times the membership in any State is greater than this unit of representation is the number of representatives which the State is entitled to in the supreme body; and in the absence of any representative the alternate is competent to act in all respects as the representative; a majority of the elected representatives shall constitute a quorum.

**Repeal.** SEC. 2. *Be it enacted,* That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act be, and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.