

of this State, the officers of such society or association, such as the board of control, trustees, directors, council, executive council, or by whatever name known, when thereunto duly authorized by its supreme representative or governing body, by whatever name known, shall file with the Insurance Commissioner of this State a copy of its articles of incorporation or charter under which it is then operating, a copy of its constitution and laws and a copy of its financial statement and valuation certified to by its actuary together with a petition verified by its president and secretary or corresponding officer asking that such fraternal beneficiary association be incorporated as a fraternal beneficiary association of this State. Upon the filing of the same with the Insurance Commissioner of this State, if he shall determine that the facts stated in the petition and exhibits are true, upon the paying of a fee of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars therefor, such fraternal beneficiary association shall immediately thereby become incorporated as a fraternal beneficiary association of this State, and the Insurance Commissioner shall issue to it a Certificate of Incorporation as a fraternal beneficiary association of this State under such name or names as it may have selected, which will not conflict with the name of any other incorporation of the State. Such association shall maintain an office in this State, but may maintain other offices and other places of business elsewhere.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That, if any provision of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of the Act, and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That all Acts, or parts of Acts of the General Assembly, heretofore passed, that may be in conflict or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act, be, and the same are hereby, repealed to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency with the provisions of this Act.

Approved May 17, 1935.

CHAPTER 289.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, 1929 Supplement, title "Revenue and Taxes," sub-title "Tax