

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1941.

Approved May 2, 1941.

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CHAPTER 637.

(House Bill 46)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 214 of Article 48A of Flack's Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Insurance", sub-title "Fraternal Beneficial Associations", relating to the exemption of certain societies from the operation of fraternal beneficiary laws.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 214 of Article 48A of Flack's Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Insurance", sub-title "Fraternal Beneficial Associations", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

214. *Exemptions.* (1) Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to affect or apply to (a) grand or subordinate lodges of Masons, Odd Fellows or Knights of Pythias (exclusive of the insurance department of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias), and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics (exclusive of the beneficiary degree or insurance branch of the National Council Junior Order United American Mechanics);

(b) orders, societies or associations which admit to membership only persons engaged in one or more crafts or hazardous occupations, in the same or similar lines of business, and women's societies or women's auxiliaries operating in conjunction with such orders, societies or associations;

(c) domestic societies which limit their membership to employees of a particular city or town, designated firm, business house or corporation which provide for a death benefit of not more than four hundred dollars or disability benefits of not more than three hundred fifty dollars to any person in any one year, or both;

(d) domestic societies or associations of a purely religious, charitable and benevolent description, which provide for a death benefit of not more than four hundred dollars or for disability benefits of not more than three hundred fifty dollars to any one person in any one year, or both.

(2) Any such society or association described in classes (c) or (d) of Sub-section (1) which provides for death or