

## CHAPTER 80.

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*An act to incorporate the Western Beneficial Society of Baltimore.* Passed Feb. 15, 1841.

WHEREAS, Henry W. Gibson, Elijah Jean, George Grubb, John R. Pedrick, William Ford, Joshua Crooks, John Maloney, Jacob Ball, Samuel W. T. Daley, and others, have formed themselves into a society for the purpose of affording relief to each other in their respective families in the event of sickness, distress and death, and have prayed for an act of incorporation, that they may better execute their benevolent intentions—Therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Henry W. Gibson, Elijah Jean, George Grubb, John R. Pedrick, William Ford, Joshua Crooks, John Maloney, Jacob Ball, Samuel W. T. Daley, and others who now are or may hereafter become members of said society, and their successors, are hereby declared to be one community and body corporate, by the name, style and title of the Western Beneficial Society of Baltimore, and by that name they shall be, and are hereby made able and capable in law, to receive contributions, and purchase, possess, enjoy and retain to them and their successors, lands, tenements, rents, annuities, or other hereditaments, and the same to dispose of in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the interest of the said society; *provided,* that the said corporation or body politic, shall not at any one time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding the sum of ten thousand dollars; *and provided also,* that nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorise or empower said society to do or perform any act not necessary to the attainment of the benevolent purpose for which the said society is herein declared to be incorporated.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That said society and their successors by the aforesaid name, shall forever hereafter be able and capable in law to sue and be sued in all or any courts of justice whatsoever; and the said society may also adopt such by-laws and regulations as they may deem necessary for the government thereof, the authentication of its acts, and the proper management of its concerns; *provided,* that the same shall not be contrary to any provisions of this act, or the laws of this State or of the United States.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful for the members of the said society to elect such