

CHAP. 299. name; and as such, may use a common seal; and in law be capable of suing and being sued, of pleading and being impleaded.

Journal of proceedings to be kept SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the aforesaid board of trustees shall keep a regular journal of the proceedings, in a suitable book to be provided for that purpose; and said proceedings, when duly attested by the president and secretary, shall be conclusive evidence of any appointments made by the board of trustees.

Rights reserved SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That the right is hereby expressly reserved to the General Assembly of Maryland, at its pleasure, to alter, amend or annul this act of incorporation.

CHAPTER 299.

Passed Mar. 16, 1840. *An act to incorporate the First Maryland Temperance Beneficial Society of Baltimore.*

Preamble WHEREAS, William S. Wilcox, John W. Blake, Peter Rose, Samuel Maccubbin, James S. Smith, John H. Hall, Benjamin F. Nalls and Elijah Hughes, and others, have formed themselves into a society, for the laudable purpose of affording relief to each other and their respective families, in the event of sickness and death, and have prayed an act of incorporation, that they may better execute their intention, and the legislature of Maryland being desirous of promoting such useful institutions—Therefore,

Individuals incorporated SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the persons mentioned in the preamble of this act, and all others that now are or may hereafter become members of this corporation herein erected, and their successors, are hereby declared to be one community,

Name and style corporation and body politic, by the name, style and title of the First Maryland Temperance Beneficial Society of Baltimore, and by that name shall be able and capable in

Legal capacity law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto in any court of law or equity, and to make and use a common seal, the same to alter and change at pleasure, and to order and establish such by-laws and regulations as shall be necessary and convenient for conducting the affairs of the corporation; *provided*, the same be not contrary to the laws of the United States, of