

## CHAPTER 305.

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*An act to incorporate the Franklin Beneficial Society.*Passed Mar. 17  
1840.

WHEREAS, Jacob Deems, Thomas H. Denison, William Kerley, Charles Webb, William Hance, James A. Hazelett, 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, distress and death, and have prayed an act of incorporation that they may the better execute their intentions, and the legislature being desirous to promote such useful institutions—Therefore,

Preamble

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Jacob Deems, Thomas H. Denison, William Kerley, Charles Webb, William Hance, James A. Hazelett, and others, that now are or may hereafter become members of said corporation herein erected, or may be admitted into the said corporation, agreeably to the constitution, rules and by-laws of the same, and their successors, are hereby declared to be one community, corporation and body politic forever, by the name, style and title of the Franklin Beneficial Society; *provided,* that the said corporation may be dissolved at any time by the consent of its members, as is hereafter provided.

Individuals incorporated

Name and style

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the affairs of the said society shall be managed and conducted by a president, vice president, treasurer and acting committee of seven members, to be chosen annually, on the second Tuesday in December, in each and every year, in such manner as the said society shall think proper to appoint.

Officers

When chosen

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the present members of said society and their successors, by their corporate name, shall and may have succession, and shall and may at all times hereafter be persons able and capable in law to purchase, take, have and enjoy, to them and their successors, in fee or less estate or estates, any land, tenements, rents, annuities, chattels, United States stocks, bank stock, registered debt or other public securities within this State, by the gift, purchase or devise of or from any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable to make the same; and the same at their pleasure to alien, sell, transfer or release in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the charitable uses of the said society; *provided nevertheless,* that the said corporation or body poli-

Corporate powers