thereto, and upon payment of such fees, charges and CHAP. 467. premiums as may be demanded by the proper officers of said corporation, be constituted members of the said association, and as such shall be bound by all the rules and regulations thereof, as contained in this act, and in the constitution and bye-laws of the said association.

SEC. 3. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be Security to be lawful for the directors of the said association, to require given and receive from any member applying for benefits, according to the provisions of the constitution of said association, security, in the form of a mortgage or other evidence of debt, at their option, for the true and faithful discharge of his duties as benefited member, and upon refusal or neglect on the part of a member, so applying, to provide and give such security, to withhold from him all benefits until such security is given, or until he becomes thereto entitled by the provisions of said constitution, without giving security.

SEC. 4. And be it enacted, That all persons, at any time members of said association, and who may not Responsibility have withdrawn therefrom, in accordance with the pro- of members. visions of its constitution, shall be jointly responsible to the other members thereof for the benefits to which they may become entitled, by the provisions of this act, or by the constitution and bye laws of said association.

SEC. 5. And be it enacted, That the said association shall have, and is hereby invested with full power and May establish authority to make any bye-law or bye-laws, whereby bye-laws any member thereof, failing to pay the assessments, according to the constitution and bye-laws of the said association, until the fines imposed for such neglect or refusal equal, in amount the entire sum of the assessments paid in by such member, may be excluded from all and every benefit, that he might otherwise have become en-

Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That the constitution and bye-laws of said association, shall only be amended Alteration and or altered, saving however the condition expressed in amendment the fourth section of this act, which shall remain unalterable, by a general meeting of the members of said association, convened in pursuance of public notice, given in at least one newspaper published in the city of Baltimore, when each member present shall have one vote, and two-thirds of the votes thus given shall decide, and any alteration or amendment of the constitution or bye-laws, that may be thus made, shall be binding on all the members of said association:

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