

Article – Insurance

8-404.

(a) Except as provided in this section, this subtitle and the other insurance laws of the State do not apply to:

(1) a grand or subordinate lodge or society, order, or association that:

(i) was doing business in the State on December 31, 1963;

(ii) provides benefits exclusively through local or subordinate lodges;

and

(iii) does not issue benefit certificates;

(2) an order, society, or association that:

(i) 1. limits its membership to individuals engaged in one or more crafts or hazardous occupations in the same or similar lines of business; ~~OR~~

~~2. HAS A PURELY RELIGIOUS PURPOSE AND PROVIDED HEALTH AND ACCIDENT BENEFITS ON AND BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1997; and~~

(ii) 2. insures only its members and their families and dependents;

OR

(II) 1. AS TO INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES, OFFERS THOSE POLICIES IN THIS STATE ONLY TO MEMBERS OF THE MENNONITE CHURCH AND THEIR DEPENDENTS AND FAMILIES;

2. WAS FORMED AS A FRATERNAL BENEFIT SOCIETY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF INDIANA PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1966 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MUTUAL AID IN AFFILIATION WITH THE MENNONITE CHURCH; AND

3. IS REGISTERED AS A FOREIGN CORPORATION UNDER § 7-202 OF THE CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS ARTICLE;

(3) a society or auxiliary of an order, society, or association described in item (2) of this subsection;

(4) a domestic society that:

(i) limits its membership to employees of a particular municipal area or a designated firm, business house, or corporation;

(ii) provides for individual death benefits not exceeding \$400 per year or disability benefits not exceeding \$350 per year or both; and

(iii) does not issue benefit certificates; and

(5) a domestic society or association that:

(i) has a purely religious, charitable, or benevolent purpose;