

8-405.

~~{(a) A} EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN TITLE 2 OF THIS ARTICLE, EVERY society organized or authorized to transact business under this subtitle is deemed to be a charitable and benevolent institution[.~~

~~(b) The} AND THE funds of a society organized or authorized to transact business under this subtitle are exempt from all taxes, except taxes on real estate and office equipment.~~

8-423.

~~(a) A certificate of authority of a society expires on the first [June 30] JULY 31 after its effective date unless it is renewed as provided in this section.~~

~~(d) (2) If a certificate holder [pays the applicable renewal fee] APPLIES FOR RENEWAL AND PAYS THE INSURANCE REGULATION FEE UNDER § 2-502 OF THIS ARTICLE before the certificate of authority expires, the certificate of authority remains in effect until the Commissioner renews or refuses to renew the certificate of authority.~~

8-444.

~~(a) Each society transacting insurance business in the State shall:~~

~~(1) file with the Commissioner an annual statement as provided in § 4-116 of this article; AND~~

~~(2) [pay to the Commissioner a fee of \$25 for filing the annual statement; and~~

~~(3)] prepare a synopsis of the annual statement that explains the condition of the society as disclosed by the annual statement.~~

8-450.

~~An applicant for a certificate of qualification shall:~~

~~(1) file with the Commissioner an application on the form that the Commissioner provides; and~~

~~(2) pay to the Commissioner [a biennial fee] THE BIENNIAL FEE REQUIRED UNDER § 2-112 OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

8-451.

~~{(d) The examination fee is \$15 for each examination.}~~

8-456.

~~(a) When a society doing business in the State makes or terminates an appointment of a fraternal benefit agent, the society immediately shall[.~~

~~(1)] file with the Commissioner written notice of the appointment or termination[; and~~

~~(2) pay to the Commissioner the fee required by § 2-112 of this article].~~