

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section 8-404(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapter 36 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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; OR

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