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CHAPTER 71.

An act to Incorporate the Union Beneficial Society of Baltimore. Passed Jan. 14

WHEREAS Joshua Dryden, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Alexander K. M'Donald, Abel Spencer, Samuel Ruckle, David Graham, James Curlet, Dominick Bader, Henry Hook, James Kirkpatrick, Thomas Kenighton, Samuel Myers, 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 of promoting such useful institutions, Therefore, Preamble.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Joshua Dryden, George Evans, Joshua Evans, Alexander K. M'Donald, Abel Spencer, Samuel Ruckle, David Graham, James Curlet, Dominick Bader, Henry Hook, James Kirkpatrick, Thomas Kenighton, Samuel Myers, and others, that now are or may hereafter become members of the said corporation hereby created, 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, for ever, by the name, style and title, of The Union Beneficial Society of Baltimore; *Provided* nevertheless, that the said corporation may be dissolved at any time by the consent of its members as is hereinafter provided. Company incorporated. Proviso.

2. *And be it enacted,* That the affairs of the said society shall be managed and conducted by a president, vice-president, treasurer, and standing committee of nine members, and a secretary, to be chosen out of said committee, the whole to be elected annually on the first Monday of July, in each and every succeeding year, in such manner as the said society shall think proper to appoint. Affairs to be managed by a president, &c.

3. *And be it enacted,* That the present members of the said society, and their successors, by their corporate name, shall and may have perpetual 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 lands, tenements, rents, annuities, chattels, United States stock, 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 lease, 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 politic, shall not at any one time hold or possess property real, personal or mixed, exceeding in total value the sum of fifty thousand dollars. Corporation may hold property, &c. Proviso.

4. *And be it enacted,* That the members of the said corporation, and their successors, may meet together on the first Monday of Members to meet and organize company.