

CHAPTER 96.

[H. B. No. 338.]

AMENDING ACT REGULATING FRATERNAL BENEFICIARY SOCIETIES, ORDERS AND ASSOCIATIONS.

AN ACT to amend Section 1 of an act entitled "An act regulating fraternal beneficiary societies, orders or associations," approved March 18, 1901.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. That section 1 of an act entitled "An act regulating fraternal beneficiary societies, orders or associations," approved March 18, 1901," is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 1. A fraternal beneficiary association is hereby declared to be a corporation, society or voluntary association formed or organized and carried on for the sole benefit of its members and their beneficiaries, and not for profit. Each association shall have a lodge system and must maintain one or more lodges within the State with ritualistic form of work and representative form of government and shall make provisions for the payment of benefits in case of death, and may make provisions for the payment of benefits in case of sickness, temporary or permanent physical disability, either as the result of disease, accident or old age: *Provided*, The period in life at which payment of physical disability benefits on account of old age commences, shall not be under seventy (70) years subject to their compliance with its constitution and laws. The fund from which the payment of such benefits shall be made, and the fund from which the expenses of such association shall be defrayed, shall be derived from assessments or dues collected from its members. Payment of death benefits shall be to the families, heirs, blood relatives, affianced husband or affianced wife of, or to persons dependent upon the member. Such associations shall be governed by this act and shall be exempt from the provisions of other laws of this State and no law hereafter passed shall apply to them unless they be expressly designated therein. Any such fraternal beneficial

Definition.

Ritualistic system.

Period of disability.

Benefit fund—how derived.

Death benefits.

Emergency
fund.

association may create, maintain disperse [disburse] and apply a reserve or emergency fund in accordance with its constitution or by-laws.

Passed the House February 26, 1903.

Passed the Senate March 10, 1903.

Approved by the Governor March 14, 1903.

CHAPTER 97.

[H. SUB. B. No. 225.]

PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION AND REGULATION OF MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

AN ACT providing for the incorporation and regulation of mutual fire insurance companies and associations, repealing Chapter CXXXII of the Session Laws of 1899, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Any ten or more persons, residents of this State, who may desire to form a company or association for the purpose of mutual protection of the members thereof against loss by fire, shall make and subscribe written articles of incorporation in triplicate, and acknowledge the same before any officer authorized to take the acknowledgements of deeds, and file one of such articles in the office of the county auditor in which the principal place of business of the company is intended to be located, the second in the office of the Secretary of State and retain the third in the possession of the company. Said articles shall state the corporate name of the company, the objects for which the same shall be formed, the time of its existence, not to exceed fifty years, the number of trustees and their names who shall manage the affairs of the company for such length of time, not less than two nor more than six months, as may be designated in said articles, and the name of the city, the town and county in which the principal place of business of the company is to be located; and upon filing of said arti-

Articles of
incorporation
—where to
be filed and
what to con-
tain.