CHAPTER 227.

[S.B. 285.]

FRATERNAL INSURANCE.

AN ACT relating to insurance and to beneficiaries of fraternal insurance; and amending section 211, chapter 49, Laws of 1911, as amended by section 2, chapter 114, Laws of 1931 (section 7264, Remington's Revised Statutes).

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

SECTION 1. Section 211, chapter 49, Laws of 1911, Amendments. as amended by section 2, chapter 114, Laws of 1931 (section 7264, Remington's Revised Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Section 211. The payment of death benefits shall Beneficiaries be confined to wife, husband, relative by blood to the fourth degree ascending or descending, fatherin-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, step-father, step-mother, step-children, children by legal adoption, or to a person or persons dependent upon the member, or the member or applicant, may with the consent of the society, make his or her estate the beneficiary: Provided, That if after the Proviso. issuance of the original certificate the member shall become dependent upon a home maintained by the society for the dependent members or upon a subordinate lodge or society of the order of which he is a member, or upon an incorporated charitable institution, he shall have the privilege with the consent of the society, of making such home, lodge, society or institution his beneficiary. Within the above re-Right of designation. strictions each member shall have the right to designate his beneficiary, and, from time to time, have the same changed in accordance with the laws, rules, or regulations of the society, and no beneficiary shall have or obtain any vested interest in the said benefit until the same has become due and payable upon the death of the said member: Provided, That any so- Proviso.

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ciety may, by its laws, limit the scope of beneficiaries within the above classes.

Passed the Senate March 5, 1943. Passed the House March 9, 1943. Approved by the Governor March 20, 1943.

CHAPTER 228.

[S. B. 295.]

REGULATING SPEED OF RAILWAY TRAINS.

An Act relating to the speed of railway trains within the limits of cities of the second class, third class, and towns, and transferring the right to regulate the speed of railway trains within the limits of said cities and towns to the State Department of Public Service.

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

SECTION 1. The right to fix and regulate the speed of railway trains within the limits of cities of the second class, third class, and towns, is vested exclusively in the State Department of Public Service: *Provided, however*, That this act shall not apply to street railways which may be operating or hereafter operated within the limits of said cities and towns.

SEC. 2. After due investigation and within a reasonable time after the effective date of this act, the Director of Public Service shall make and issue an order fixing and regulating the speed of railway trains within the limits of cities of the second class, cities of the third class, and towns. The speed limit to be fixed by the Department shall be discretionary, and it may fix different rates of speed for different cities and towns, which rates of speed shall be commensurate with the hazard presented and the practical operation of the trains. The Department shall have the right from time to time, as conditions

Department of Public Service to fix speed.

Not apply to street railways.

Director to issue order.

Limits may vary.