

amount in the state treasury to the credit of said fund.

SEC. 14. If any section or provision of this act shall be adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the act as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. Partial
invalidity.

SEC. 15. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and shall take effect immediately. Emergency.

Passed the House March 6, 1919.

Passed the Senate March 11, 1919.

Approved by the Governor March 18, 1919.

CHAPTER 159.

[S. H. B. 71.]

JUVENILE INSURANCE BY FRATERNAL BENEFIT SOCIETIES.

AN ACT relating to Fraternal Benefit Societies; further extending and defining the powers of such societies; and making provision for writing juvenile insurance by Fraternal Benefit Societies.

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

SECTION 1. Any fraternal benefit society operating on the lodge system and authorized to transact the business of fraternal insurance in this state may provide in its constitution and by-laws, in addition to other benefits provided for therein, for the payment of death or annuity benefits upon the lives of children between the ages of two and eighteen years at next birthday, for whose support and maintenance a member of such society is responsible. Any such society may at its option organize and operate branches for such children and mem- Juvenile
death
benefits
authorized.

bership in local lodges and initiation therein shall not be required of such children, nor shall they have any voice in the management of the society. The total benefits payable, as above provided, shall in no case exceed the following amounts at ages at next birthday at time of death, respectively, as follows: Two, \$34; three, \$40; four, \$48; five, \$58; six, \$140; seven, \$168; eight, \$200; nine, \$240; ten, \$300; eleven, \$380; twelve, \$460; thirteen to fifteen, \$520, and sixteen to eighteen years, where not otherwise authorized by law, \$600.

Rates.

Conditions attaching to issuance of certificates.

SEC. 2. No benefit certificate as to any child shall take effect until after physical examination or inspection by a licensed physician, in accordance with the laws of the society, nor shall any such benefit certificate be issued unless the society shall simultaneously put in force at least 500 such certificates, on each of which at least one assessment has been paid, nor where the number of lives represented by such certificate falls below 500. The death benefit contributions to be made upon such certificate shall be based upon the "Standard Industrial Mortality Table" or the "English Life Table Number Six," and a rate of interest not greater than 4 per cent per annum, or upon a higher standard: *Provided*, that contributions may be waived or returns may be made from any surplus held in excess of reserve and other liabilities, as provided in the by-laws; and, *Provided further*, that extra contributions shall be made if the reserves hereafter provided for become impaired.

Reserve fund.

SEC. 3. Any society entering into such insurance agreements shall maintain on all such contracts the reserve required by the standard of mortality and interest adopted by the society for computing contributions as provided in Section 2, and the funds representing the benefit contributions and all accretions thereon shall be kept as separate and distinct

funds, independent of the other funds of the society, and shall not be liable for nor used for the payment of the debts and obligations of the society other than the benefits herein authorized: *Provided*, that a society may provide that when a child reaches the minimum age for initiation into membership in such society, any benefit certificate issued hereunder may be surrendered for cancellation and exchanged for any other form of certificate issued by the society, provided that such surrender will not reduce the number of lives insured in the branch below 500, and upon the issuance of such new certificate, any reserve upon the original certificate herein provided for shall be transferred to the credit of the new certificate. Neither the person who originally made application for benefits on account of such child, nor the beneficiary named in such original certificate, nor the person who paid the contribution shall have any vested right in such new certificate, the free nomination of a beneficiary under the new certificate being left to the child so admitted to benefit membership.

Exchange
for adult
certificate.

Nomination
of beneficiary
under new
certificate.

SEC. 4. An entirely separate financial statement of the business transactions and of assets and liabilities arising therefrom shall be made in its annual report to the Insurance Commissioner by any society availing itself of the provisions hereof. The separation of assets, funds and liabilities required hereby shall not be terminated, rescinded or modified, nor shall the funds be divested for any use other than as specified in Section 3 as long as any certificate issued hereunder remain in force, and this requirement shall be recognized and enforced in any liquidation, reinsurance, merger or other change in the condition of the status of the society.

Separate
financial
statements
for two
classes.

SEC. 5. Any society shall have the right to provide in its laws and the certificates issued here-

Payments
to society's
general fund.

under for specified payments on account of the expense or general fund, which payments shall or shall not be mingled with the general fund of the society as its constitution and by-laws may provide.

Continuance
of juvenile
certificate.

SEC. 6. In the event of the termination of membership in the society by the person responsible for the support of any child on whose account a certificate may have been issued, as provided herein, the certificate may be continued for the benefit of the estate of the child: *Provided*, the contributions are continued or for the benefit of any other person responsible for the support and maintenance of such child, who shall assume the payment of the required contributions.

Passed the House March 8, 1919.

Passed the Senate March 11, 1919.

Approved by the Governor March 18, 1919.

CHAPTER 160.

[H. B. 250.]

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

AN ACT providing for the acceptance of the benefits of an Act of Congress making provision for the promotion of vocational education; designating the State Board of Education as the State Board for Vocational Education; defining the duties of the State Board for Vocational Education and of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction in connection therewith; providing for vocational schools or classes in school districts of the state and making provision for reimbursement of said districts in which vocational schools or courses are maintained.

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

Acceptance
of federal
act.

SECTION 1. The State of Washington hereby accepts all the provisions and benefits of an act passed by the Senate and House of Representatives