

CHAPTER 158.

[S. B. 58.]

INSURANCE.

AN ACT relating to insurance, providing for and regulating the application of insurance laws with respect to fraternal benefit societies, and amending section 235 of chapter 49 of the Session Laws of 1911, as amended by section 1 of chapter 114, of the Session Laws of 1931.

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

Amends
§ 235, ch. 49,
Laws of 1911;
§ 1, ch. 114,
Laws of 1931.

That section 235 of chapter 49 of the Session Laws of 1911, as amended by section 1 of chapter 114 of the Session Laws of 1931 (Remington's Compiled Statutes, section 7288; Pierce's Code, section 3117), be and is amended to read as follows:

Societies
exempt from
application
of law.

Section 235. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed to affect or apply to grand or subordinate lodges of Masons, Odd Fellows, Improved Order of Red Men, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Loyal Order of Moose, or Knights of Pythias, exclusive of the insurance department of the Supreme Lodge of Knights of Pythias, the Grand Aerie Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, exclusive of the beneficiary degree or insurance branch of the National Council Junior Order United American Mechanics, or societies which limit their membership to any one hazardous occupation, nor to similar societies which do not issue insurance certificates, nor to any association of local lodges of a society now doing business in this state which provides death benefits not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to any one person, or disability benefits not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in any one year to any one person, or both, nor to any contracts of reinsurance business on such plan in this state, nor to domestic societies which limit their membership to

the employees of a particular city or town, designated firm, business house or corporation, nor to domestic lodges, orders or associations of a purely religious, charitable and benevolent description, which do not provide for a death benefit of more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or for disability benefits of more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) to any one person in any one year: *Provided always*, That any such domestic order or society which has more than five hundred members, and provides for death or disability benefits, and any such domestic lodge, order or society which issues to any person a certificate providing for the payment of benefits, shall not be exempt by the provisions of this section, but shall comply with all the requirements of this article. The commissioner may require from any society such information as will enable him to determine whether such society is exempt from the provisions of this article.

Non-exempt
societies.

Any fraternal benefit society, heretofore organized and incorporated and operating within the definition set forth in section two hundred six, two hundred seven, and two hundred eight of this act, providing for benefits in case of death or disability resulting solely from accidents, but which does not obligate itself to pay death or sick benefits, may be licensed under the provisions of this act, and shall have all the privileges and shall be subject to all the provisions and regulations of this article, except that the provisions of this article requiring medical examinations, valuations of benefit certificates, and that the certificate shall specify the amount of benefits, shall not apply to such society.

License.

Passed the Senate January 31, 1933.

Passed the House March 8, 1933.

Approved by the Governor March 18, 1933.