

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 219

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND SEVEN.

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AN ACT to amend chapter forty-nine of the Revised Statutes  
relating to Fraternal Insurance Associations.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in  
Legislature assembled, as followss*

Section 1. Chapter forty-nine of the Revised Statutes,  
2 as amended by chapter twenty-eight of the public laws of  
3 nineteen hundred and five, is hereby further amended by  
4 adding to section one hundred and fifty-eight the following:  
5 or to prevent such subordinate or affiliated bodies from  
6 doing business, so long as death benefits are paid, and they  
7 shall be considered as legally organized and duly authorized  
8 for such purpose under the provisions hereof and may  
9 transact business in this state as independent bodies only

10 in the event that said supreme body shall cease to transact  
11 business herein,' so that said section shall read:

'Sect. 158. Fraternal beneficiary associations transacting  
13 business in this state on the twenty-eighth day of February,  
14 eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, as heretofore defined and  
15 named in section one hundred and forty-two of this chapter,  
16 shall be construed to include those so transacting business  
17 through their supreme bodies, or by a subordinate body, or  
18 by one affiliated therewith or rendering allegiance thereto,  
19 or by an organization embracing a portion of the territory  
20 of any such association and at that time or subsequent  
21 thereto contributing its funds, or by one using its ritual-  
22 istic work and calling its members by the same general  
23 name; and no change since that time or hereafter, in the  
24 internal divisions or operations of any such association, or  
25 its relations with subordinate bodies, shall deprive it of the  
26 power to so transact business through its supreme body and  
27 subordinate and affiliated divisions or agents, or to prevent  
28 such subordinate or affiliated bodies from doing business,  
29 so long as death benefits are paid, and they shall be con-  
30 sidered as legally organized and duly authorized for such  
31 purpose under the provisions hereof and may transact busi-  
32 ness in this state as independent bodies only in the event  
33 that said supreme body shall cease to transact business  
34 herein.'

Sect. 2. Section one hundred and forty-eight of said chap-  
2 ter forty-nine of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended

3 by adding thereto the following: 'Provided that the fore-  
4 going provisions shall not apply to debts contracted for the  
5 purpose of paying assessments or dues in order to keep  
6 such certificates in force,' so that said section, as amended,  
7 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 148. The money or other benefit, charity, relief  
9 or aid to be paid, provided or rendered, or which has been  
10 paid, provided or rendered by any fraternal beneficiary  
11 association authorized to do business under this chapter,  
12 and as heretofore provided, shall not be liable to attachment  
13 by trustee, or other process, and shall not be seized, taken  
14 or appropriated, or applied by any legal or equitable pro-  
15 cess, nor by operation of law, to pay any debt or liability  
16 of a certificate holder, or any beneficiary thereof, existing  
17 at the death of such holder; provided that the foregoing  
18 provisions shall not apply to debts contracted for the purpose  
19 of paying assessments or dues in order to keep such certifi-  
20 cate in force.'

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 20, 1907.

Reported by Mr. ORAM from Committee on Mercantile Affairs and  
Insurance, and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*