

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 18.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND NINETY-THREE.

AN ACT to amend Chapter 234 of the Public Laws of 1889,
relating to Fraternal Beneficiary Organizations.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 of chapter 234 of the Public
2 Laws of 1889 is hereby amended so as to read as fol-
3 lows :

4 Section 3. Any corporation duly organized as aforesaid,
5 and which does not employ paid agents in soliciting or
6 procuring business, other than in the preliminary organi-
7 zation of local branches, and which conducts its business
8 as a fraternal society on the lodge system, or limits its
9 certificate holders to a particular order, class or frater-
10 nity, or to the employes of a particular town or city,
11 designated firm, business house or corporation, may pro-

12 vide in its by-laws for the payment, from time to time ,
13 of a fixed sum by each member, and from this income
14 may make weekly or other payments to any member dur-
15 ing a period of disability of such member. Such corpo-
16 ration may also provide in its by-laws for the payment,
17 from time to time, of a fixed sum by each member, to be
18 paid to the beneficiaries of deceased members, in such
19 amount and manner as shall be fixed by said by-laws and
20 written in the benefit certificates issued to such members,
21 and payable to the husband, wife, children, relatives
22 of, or persons dependent upon such member, or
23 payable to the assured in whole or in part upon his or
24 her total disability or in yearly installments upon reach-
25 ing the age of seventy years : but no contract under this
26 act shall be valid or legal which shall be conditional upon
27 an agreement or understanding that the beneficiary shall
28 pay the dues and assessments, or either of them, for said
29 member. And such corporation now organized under the
30 laws of this state, which limits its certificate holders to a
31 particular order, class or fraternity, may employ paid
32 agents in soliciting business. But no person shall act as
33 such an agent until he has first been licensed therefor by
34 the insurance commissioner in accordance with the pro-
35 visions of section seventy-three, chapter forty-nine of the
36 Revised Statutes, and any persons violating this pro-
37 vision shall, upon conviction, be punished as provided in
38 said section seventy-three. For such license the com-
39 missioner shall receive one dollar.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,)
February 1, 1893.)

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*