

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 347

House of Representatives, March 1, 1911.

Introduced by Mr. Dunn of Brewer, who moved its reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs. By Mr. Weymouth of Saco tabled for printing pending reference to a committee.

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Section 134, Chapter 49 of the Revised
Statutes of Maine.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. Section one hundred and thirty-four of chapter
2 forty-nine of the Revised Statutes of Maine is hereby amend-
3 ed by adding after the word "member" in line seventeen of
4 said section the following words: 'or, to such home as may
5 be established by the society of which he is a member, in
6 which he may be an inmate, or to such association having
7 an incorporated body in this state which has, or may pur-
8 pose establishing a home for aged members thereof; pro-
9 vided no funds received by such association from beneficial

10 funds aforesaid, shall be used for any other purpose than
11 the establishment and maintenance of such a home,' so that
12 said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 134. A fraternal beneficiary association is hereby
14 defined to be any corporation, society or voluntary associa-
15 tion, formed or organized and carried on for the sole benefit
16 of its members and their beneficiaries, and not for profit.
17 Each association shall have a lodge system, with ritualistic
18 form of work and representative form of government, and
19 shall make provision for the payment of benefits in case of
20 death, and may make provision for the payment of benefits
21 in the case of sickness, temporary or permanent physical
22 disability, either as the result of disease, accident or old age,
23 provided the period in life at which payment of physical
24 disability benefits on account of old age commences, shall
25 not be under seventy years, subject to their compliance with
26 its constitution and laws. The fund from which the pay-
27 ment of such benefits shall be made, and the fund from
28 which the expenses of such association shall be defrayed
29 shall be derived from assessments or dues collected from its
30 members. Payments of death benefits shall be to the fami-
31 lies, heirs, blood relatives, adopted children, adopting par-
32 ents, affianced husband or affianced wife of, or to persons
33 dependent upon the member, or to such home as may be
34 established by the society of which he is a member, in which
35 he may be an inmate, or to such association having an incor-
36 porated body in this State which has, or may purpose estab-

37 lishing a home for aged members thereof ; provided no funds
38 received by such association from beneficial funds afore-
39 said, shall be used for any other purpose than the establish-
40 ment and maintenance of such a home. Such associations
41 shall be governed by the last twenty-four sections of this
42 chapter and shall be exempt from the provisions of insur-
43 ance laws of this State, except as therein provided, and no
44 law passed after March twenty-one, nineteen hundred and
45 one, shall apply to them, unless they be expressly designated
46 therein. Any such fraternal beneficiary association may cre-
47 ate, maintain, disburse and apply a reserve or emergency
48 fund in accordance with its constitution or by-laws.'

Sect. 2. Provided, that if after the issuance of the original
2 certificate the member shall become dependent upon an in-
3 corporated charitable institution, or report the subordinate
4 lodge of which he is a member, he shall have the privilege
5 with the consent of the society, to make such institution or
6 such subordinate lodge, his beneficiary.