

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 638

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*C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to amend Section 134, Chapter 49 of the Revised  
Statutes of Maine, relating to Fraternal Beneficiary Associa-  
tions.

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

Section 1. Section one hundred and thirty-four of Chap-  
2 ter forty-nine of the Revised Statutes of Maine is hereby  
3 amended by adding after the word "members" in line seven-  
4 teen of said Section the following words: 'Provided, that  
5 if after the issuance of the original certificate the member  
6 shall become dependent upon an incorporated charitable  
7 institution, or upon the surbordinate lodge of which he is  
8 a member, he shall have the privilege with the consent of  
9 the society, to make such institution or such surbordinate

10 lodge, his beneficiary,' so that said section as amended shall  
11 read as follows :

'Sect. 134. A fraternal beneficiary association is hereby  
13 defined to be any corporation, society or voluntary associa-  
14 tion, formed or organized and carried on for the sole benefit  
15 of its members and their beneficiaries, and not for profit.  
16 Each association shall have a lodge system, with ritualistic  
17 form of work and representative form of government, and  
18 shall make provision for the payment of benefits in case of  
19 death, and may make provision for the payment of benefits  
20 in the case of sickness, temporary or permanent physical  
21 disability, either as the result of disease, accident or old  
22 age, provided the period in life at which payment of physical  
23 disability benefits on account of old age commences, shall  
24 not be under seventy years, subject to their compliance with  
25 its constitution and laws. The fund from which the pay-  
26 ment of such benefits shall be made, and the fund from  
27 which the expenses of such association shall be defrayed  
28 shall be derived from assessments or dues collected from  
29 its members. Payments of death benefits shall be to the  
30 families, heirs, blood relatives, adopted children, adopting  
31 parents, affianced husband or affianced wife of, or to per-  
32 sons dependent upon the member. Provided, that if after  
33 the issuance of the original certificate the member shall be-  
34 come dependent upon an incorporated charitable institution,  
35 or upon the subordinate lodge of which he is a member, he  
36 shall have the privilege with the consent of the society, to

37 make such institution or such subordinate lodge, his bene-  
38 ficiary. Such association shall be governed by the last twen-  
39 ty-four sections of this Chapter and shall be exempt from  
40 the provisions of insurance laws of this State, except as  
41 therein provided, and no law passed after March twenty-  
42 one, nineteen hundred and one, shall apply to them, unless  
43 they be expressly designated therein. Any such fraternal  
44 beneficiary association may create, maintain, disburse and  
45 apply a reserve or emergency fund in accordance with its  
46 constitution or by-laws.