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OF THE

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FRATERNAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATIONS.

Section 3. All grand jurors and witnesses that have recognized for their appearance before the grand jury, who would have been held to appear at the term of said court which would have been held on the third Tuesday of April nineteen hundred and seven, shall be holden to appear on the first Tuesday of April nineteen hundred and seven, at the term of said supreme judicial court at that time to be held in Houlton₈ in said county, after this act takes effect.

Section 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 1, 1907.

Chapter 29.

An Act to amend Chapter forty-nine of the Revised Statutes, relating to Fraternal Insurance Associations.

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

Section I. Chapter forty-nine of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter twenty-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred and five, is hereby further amended by adding to section one hundred and fifty-eight the following: 'Or to prevent such subordinate or affiliated bodies from doing business, so long as death benefits are paid, and they shall be considered as legally organized and duly authorized for such purpose under the provisions hereof and may transact business in this state as independent bodies only in the event that said supreme body shall cease to transact business herein,' so that said section shall read:

'Section 158. Fraternal beneficiary associations transacting business in this state on the twenty-eight day of February, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, as heretofore defined and named in section one hundred and forty-two of this chapter, shall be construed to include those so transacting business through their supreme bodies, or by a subordinate body, or by one affiliated therewith or rendering allegiance thereto, or by an organization embracing a portion of the territory of any such association and at that time or subsequent thereto contributing to its funds, or by one using its ritualistic work and calling its members by the same general name; and no change since that time or hereafter, in the internal divisions or operations of any such association, or its relations with subordinate bodies, shall deprive it of the power to so transact business through its supreme body and subordinate and affiliated divisions or agents, or to prevent such subordinate or affiliated bodies from doing business, so long as death benefits are paid, and they shall be considered as legally organized and duly authorized for such purpose under the provisions hereof

Chapter 49, R. S., as amended by chapter 28, public laws 1905, further amended.

Fraternal beneficiary associations doing business Feb. 28, 1889.

-to include those doing business through supreme or subordinate orders.

-or prevent such affiliated bodies doing business.

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Section 148, chapter 49, R. S., amended. and may transact business in this state as independent bodies only in the event that said supreme body shall cease to transact business herein.'

Section 2. Section one hundred and forty-eight of said chapter forty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following: 'Provided that the foregoing provisions shall not apply to debts contracted for the purpose of paying assessments or dues in order to keep such certificates in force,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Section 148. The money or other benefit, charity, relief or aid to be paid, provided or rendered, or which has been paid, provided or rendered by any fraternal beneficiary association authorized to do business under this chapter, and as heretofore provided, shall not be liable to attachment by trustee, or other process, and shall not be seized, taken or appropriated, or applied by any legal or equitable process, nor by operation of law, to pay any debt or liability of a certificate holder, or any beneficiary thereof, existing at the death of such holder; provided that the foregoing provisions shall not apply to debts contracted for the purpose of paying assessments or dues in order to keep such certificates in force.'

Section 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 1, 1907.

Chapter 30.

An Act additional to Chapter forty-nine of the Revised Statutes, relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies.

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

Section I. Every policy of insurance issued to a resident of Maine by any insurance company, except a domestic life or stock insurance company, which contains a reference to the application of the insured, either as a part of the policy or as having any bearing thereon, must have attached thereto a correct copy of the application, and unless so attached the same shall not be considered a part of the policy or received in evidence. Each application for such policy shall have printed upon it or upon a slip attached thereto in large bold faced type the following words: 'Under the laws of Maine, each applicant for a policy of insurance to be issued hereunder is entitled to be furnished with a copy of this application attached to any policy issued thereon.'

Section 2. Any person who knowingly or wilfully makes a false or fraudulent statement or representation in or relative to any application for accident, health or casualty insurance, or who

Policy must have copy of application attached.

-application for policy.

Penalty for false statement.

Benefit, charity or relief funds shall not be liable to attachment.

-proviso.