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AS PASSED BY THE

Ninetieth and Ninety-first Legislatures

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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CHAP. 149

any fraternal beneficiary association, foreign surety company, credit insurance or title insurance company and each renewal thereof, \$2, and for each nonresident agent of such company, \$10.

For each license issued to a firm or corporation to act as insurance agents, and each renewal thereof, \$2 for each resident, and \$10 for each non-resident, named in the license.

For each license issued to an adjuster of losses, \$2.

For each license issued to a manufacturer of lightning-rods, \$20; for each license issued to an agent of such manufacturer, \$2.

For approving organization of fraternal beneficiary association, \$5.

For receiving service of process against any foreign insurance company, foreign surety, credit insurance or title insurance company or foreign fraternal beneficiary association, or against persons making reciprocal contracts of indemnity, \$2, which shall be paid by the plaintiff at the time of such service; and shall be recovered by him as a part of the taxable costs, if he prevails in the suit.

For investigating insurance frauds, \$10 a day, and his expenses, together with the fees of witnesses, to be taxed as in the supreme judicial court, which shall be paid by the company requesting the investigation, to the commissioner or magistrate appointed by him.

For certificate of authority to make reciprocal contracts of indemnity under sections 95 to 102, both inclusive, of chapter 60, and every renewal thereof, \$20.

For each annual statement filed by a foreign company the sum of \$20, except fraternal benefit societies which shall be \$10, and said fees shall be used to defray expenses of examining and auditing filed annual statements.'

Effective July 9, 1943

Chapter 149

AN ACT Relating to Fraternal Beneficiary Associations.

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

R. S., c. 61, § 24, amended. Section 24 of chapter 61 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 24. Issuance of policies limited. No association organized or doing business under the 1st 27 sections of this chapter shall issue any policy

or certificate upon the life of any person more than 60 years of age; nor on the life of any person who has not been examined by a reputable, practicing physician and passed a satisfactory medical examination; provided, however, that any such organization may, upon such terms and conditions as the insurance commissioner shall approve, issue policies or certificates without medical examination in amounts not exceeding \$3,000 upon the life of any person not over 45 years of age. No person shall be admitted to membership in any such organization unless he has first filed an application with and been initiated in and becomes a member of a local branch. The by-laws of such association shall provide that meetings of such branches shall be held at least once each month.

Effective July 9, 1943

Chapter 150

AN ACT Relating to Sirens on Automobiles.

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

R. S., c. 29, § 80, amended. Section 80 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 80. Adequate brakes; signalling device; unnecessary noise to be avoided; bell or siren forbidden, exceptions. Every motor vehicle shall be provided with adequate brakes in good working order and sufficient to control such vehicle at all times when the same is in use, and a suitable and adequate horn or other device for signalling. No signalling device shall be unnecessarily sounded so as to make a harsh, objectionable, or unreasonable noise, and no bell or siren shall be installed or used on any motor vehicles except that fire and police department vehicles and ambulances may be so equipped for use only when responding to emergency calls and such cars as may be designated by the chief of the state police to serve only as a signal to warn residents in rural sections of a blackout. All motor vehicles shall be equipped with a muffler of such construction and device as to prevent excessive noise. No person operating a motor vehicle shall at any time open the muffler cut-out, or permit the exhaust to make any unnecessary noise.'

Effective July 9, 1943