
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. **691** Session of
1961

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS ROONEY AND MURRAY,
MAY 24, 1961.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, MAY 24, 1961.

AN ACT

Amending the act of July 17 1935 (P L 1092) entitled "An act defining fraternal benefit societies and their status authorizing such societies to create subordinate lodges and to pay benefits to members and their beneficiaries from funds collected and regulating such benefits and collections providing for the organization and incorporation of such societies and for their supervision regulation and examination by the Insurance Commissioner and for the admission of foreign societies designating tables of mortality as

EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter stricken through is to be omitted from bill. Underlining indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

a basis for rates of contribution requiring all societies to make annual and other reports and appointing the Insurance Commissioner as attorney for service of process providing penalties for any violations of the act exempting such societies from taxation and certain other societies from its provisions and requiring beneficial associations other than fraternal benefit societies to report to and be supervised by the Insurance Commissioner and repealing existing laws" further extending the benefits that may be provided by a fraternal benefit society

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows

- 1 Section 1 Section 9 act of July 17 1935 (P L 1092) entitled "An
- 2 act defining fraternal benefit societies and their status authorizing such
- 3 societies to create subordinate lodges and to pay benefits to members
- 4 and their beneficiaries from funds collected and regulating such benefits
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5 ficial associations other than fraternal benefit societies to report to and
6 be supervised by the Insurance Commissioner and repealing existing
7 laws" amended July 13 1953 (P L 436) is amended to read

8 Section 9 Powers to Legislate and Regulate Every such society
9 [shall] may provide for the payment of death benefits on the lives of
10 members or upon application of a member on the lives of the member's
11 spouse and minor children in the same or separate certificates and may
12 provide for the erection of monuments to mark the graves of its de-
13 ceased members and shall have power To make alter and amend its con-
14 stitution and laws for the government of the society to arrange for the
15 management of its affairs the admission and classification of its members
16 to control and regulate terms and conditions governing the issuance of
17 its beneficiary certificates the character or kind of benefits payable or
18 allowable thereunder and the manner in which they are to be paid to
19 fix and adjust rates of contribution fees or dues payable by its members
20 and the allotment of the same to the different funds of the society

- 1 Nothing contained in this act shall prevent a society from using
- 2 terminology that expresses the intent and purpose of the forms issued
- 3 to the members except that in the contracts issued such forms shall in-
- 4 clude in conspicuous type on the masthead and on the filing back under
- 5 the name of the society the words "A Fraternal Benefit Society"

We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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Chief Clerk, Senate

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President pro tempore, Senate

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Speaker, House of Representatives

Approved The day of A. D. 1961.

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Governor