

AN ACT

To provide for the registration and protection of the names, badges, mottoes, buttons, decorations, charms, emblems, rosettes, and other insignia of associations, lodges, orders, fraternal societies, beneficial societies, or fraternal and beneficial societies or associations, historical, military, or veterans' organizations, labor union, foundation, federation, or any other society, organization, or association, degree, branch, subordinate lodge, or auxiliary thereof; to prohibit the wearing, exhibition, display, or use of the same, by any person not entitled to wear, exhibit, display, or use the same; and fixing a penalty for the violation of this act.

Insignia of societies, associations and lodges.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That any association, lodge, order, fraternal society, beneficial association, or fraternal and beneficial society or association, historical, military, or veterans' organization, labor union, foundation, federation, or any other society, organization, or association, degree, branch, subordinate lodge, or auxiliary thereof, whether incorporated or unincorporated, the principles and activities of which are not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of the United States or this Commonwealth, may register, in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, a facsimile, duplicate, or description of its name, badge, motto, button, decoration, charm, emblem, rosette, or other insignia, and may, by re-registration alter or cancel the same.

Registration in office of Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Application for registration, alteration or cancellation

Section 2. Application for such registration, alteration, or cancellation, shall be made by the chief officer or officers of said association, lodge, order, fraternal society, beneficial association, or fraternal and beneficial society or association, historical, military, or veterans' organization, labor union, foundation, federation, or any other society, organization, or association, degree, branch, subordinate lodge, or auxiliary thereof, upon blanks to be provided by the Secretary of the Commonwealth; and such registration shall be for the use, benefit, and on behalf of all associations, degrees, branches, subordinate lodges, and auxiliaries of said association, lodge, order, fraternal society, beneficial association, or fraternal and beneficial society or association, historical, military, or veterans' organization, labor union, foundation, federation, or any other society, organization, or association, degree, branch, subordinate lodge, or auxiliary thereof, and the individual members and those hereafter to become members thereof, throughout this Commonwealth.

Record.

Section 3. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall keep a properly indexed record of the registration provided for by this act, which record shall also show any altered or cancelled registration.

No registration of insignia similar to one already registered.

Section 4. No registration shall be granted or alteration permitted to any association, lodge, order, fraternal society, beneficial association, or fraternal and beneficial society or association, historical, military, or veterans' organization, labor union, foundation, federation, or any other society, organization, or association, degree, branch,

subordinate lodge, or auxiliary thereof, having a name, badge, motto, button, decoration, charm, emblem, rosette, or other insignia, similar to, imitating, or so nearly resembling as to be calculated to deceive, any other name, badge, button, decoration, charm, emblem, rosette, or other insignia whatsoever, already registered pursuant to the provisions of this act.

Section 5. Upon granting registration as aforesaid, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall issue his certificate to the petitioners, setting forth the fact at such registration.

Certificate.

Section 6. Any person who shall wilfully wear, exhibit, display, or use, for any purpose, the badge, motto, button, decoration, charm, emblem, rosette, or other insignia of any such association or organization, herein mentioned, duly registered hereunder, unless he or she shall be entitled to use and wear the same under the constitution and by-laws, rules, and regulations of such association and organization, shall be guilty of misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred (\$100.00) dollars, and, in default of payment, committed to jail for a period of not to exceed sixty (60) days.

Unauthorized use of registered insignia forbidden.

Penalty.

Section 7. The fees of the Secretary of the Commonwealth for registration, alteration, cancellation, searches made by him, and certificates issued by him, pursuant to this act, shall be the same as provided by law for similar services. The fees collected under this act shall be paid by the Secretary of the Commonwealth into the State Treasury, and, until June first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, shall be set apart in a special fund for the use of the Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth in defraying clerical services and other expenses necessarily incurred in the carrying out of the provisions of this act. The Auditor General shall, upon requisition of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, from time to time, draw his warrant upon the State Treasurer for the amount specified in such requisition, and the State Treasurer shall make payment of the said amounts accordingly.

Fees.

Expenses.

Section 8. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

APPROVED—The 5th day of May, A. D. 1927.

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