

CHAPTER 145—S. F. No. 634

An act relating to fraternal beneficiary associations, increasing the amount of coverage which may be issued; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 64.02.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 64.02, is amended to read:

64.02 Benefits; funeral expenses; tax exemptions; exceptions. Any beneficiary or fraternal association may make provisions for the payment of benefits in case of sickness, or temporary or permanent physical disability, as a result of disease, accident, or age exceeding 70 years, and may also provide for the payment of funeral expenses of a member not exceeding \$250; in any case, all of these benefits to be paid, subject to compliance by its members with its constitution and bylaws, out of funds derived from assessments and dues collected from its members. Payments of death benefits shall be made only to the families, heirs, blood relatives, adopted children, fiancée of the member, or persons dependent upon him, or, when his certificate of membership may so provide, the executor or administrator of the estate of the member in trust for the person or persons above mentioned as may be designated in the certificate. Any member who, by reason of old age or other disability, is dependent for his support, in whole or in part, upon another, whether or not such other stands in the above relationship to him, may, with the consent of the association, and under such regulations as it may prescribe, designate the person upon whom he is so dependent as a beneficiary under his certificate; and, in such case, the death benefits shall be paid according to this designation. Every association may create and maintain a reserve fund for that purpose and shall be held to be an institution of public charity, and shall be exempt from payment of any taxes for state, county, or municipal purposes, except that the real estate of the association shall be taxed as other real estate in the state.

Any aid society confining its membership to one religious denomination, not operating for profit, and not charging stipulated premiums, which has been so operating in this state for more than 30 years and which pays death benefits not exceeding \$2,000 in any one case, shall not be subject to the insurance laws of this state.

Approved April 2, 1959.
