

CHAPTER 128.

AN ACT TO EXEMPT CERTAIN BENEVOLENT AND CHARITABLE ASSOCIATIONS FROM THE OPERATION OF THE SEVERAL LIFE INSURANCE LAWS OF THIS STATE, AND TO EXEMPT FROM SEIZURE OR EXECUTION THE FUNDS PAID BY THEM FOR THE FAMILIES OF DECEASED MEMBERS.

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

Benevolent societies exempted from general life insurance laws.

SECTION 1. That all associations or secret orders, such as Masons, Odd Fellows, Druids, Knights of Pythias, Ancient Order of United Workmen, firemen, and other benevolent or fraternal co-operative societies, associated or incorporated for the sole purpose of mutual protection and relief of its members, and for the payment of stipulated sums of money to the families of deceased members, are hereby declared not to be life insurance companies in the sense and meaning of the general life insurance laws of the State, and they are and shall be henceforth exempt from the provisions of said general insurance law.

Exemption of benefits from legal process.

SEC. 2. When any benevolent association or society, similar to those enumerated in section one (1) of this act, set apart or appropriated a beneficiary fund to be paid over to the families of deceased, or to any member of said families, any such fund not exceeding the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), so provided and set apart according to the rules, regulations or by-laws of said association or society, to the family of any deceased member, or to any member of said family, shall be exempt from execution, and shall under no circumstances be liable to be seized, taken or appropriated by any legal or equitable process, to pay any debt of such deceased member.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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