

premium exclusive of interest necessary under this act to carry the policy without further increase of lien.

SEC. 6. This act shall supersede all provisions of any existing law in conflict herewith.

SEC. 7. This act shall be in effect from and after the date of its passage.

Approved April 20, 1903.

S. F. No. 540.

CHAPTER 296.

Institutions
of public
charity.

An act to define and regulate beneficiary associations, corporations or societies; exempting the same and their buildings and assets from the operation of certain provisions of the laws of this state relating to taxes, insurance, garnishment, attachment or seizure, and declaring them to be institutions of public charity.

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

Beneficiary
associations
defined.

SECTION 1. That a beneficiary association under the provisions of this act is hereby declared to be any corporation, society or voluntary association, organized and carried on for the sole benefit of its members and their families, relatives, or dependents, but not for profit. Each association or society may make provision for the payment of benefits in case of death and may make provision for the payment of benefits in case of sickness, temporary or permanent physical disability as a result either of disease or accident, and may make provision for the payment of funeral expenses of a member, not to exceed seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) in any case, all of said benefits to be paid subject to the compliance by the members with the constitution and by-laws of such association or society. The funds from which the disbursements of such association or society shall be defrayed shall be derived from assessments and dues collected from its members. Payments of death benefits shall be to the families, heirs, blood relatives, adopted children, affianced husband or affianced wife of the member or to persons dependent upon the member. Any such beneficiary association or society may create, maintain, disburse and apply a reserve or emergency fund in accordance with its constitution or by-laws and every such association or society shall be deemed and held to be an institution of public charity. The term "beneficiary association" wherever used in this

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act, or in any other law of this state hereafter enacted, shall be construed to mean any association such as is defined in this section.

SEC. 2. The money or other benefit, charity, relief or aid to be paid, provided or rendered by any association authorized to do business under this act shall not be liable to attachment, garnishment or other process, and shall not be seized, taken, appropriated or applied by any legal or equitable process or by operation of law to pay any debt or liability of a certificate holder or of any beneficiary named in any certificate or any person who may have any right thereunder. And the buildings and other property used by said association in carrying on its business, and all dues, assessments and other payments and the accumulations thereof, held and possessed by said association for the payment of death, sick or disability benefits, and the reserve, emergency and other mortuary funds of said association, shall be exempt from taxation for state, county and municipal purposes. *Provided*, that nothing in this act shall be construed to exempt from taxation any real estate owned by any association incorporated or doing business under the provisions of this act, except such as is occupied exclusively by such association in carrying on its business.

Not liable to attachment or other process.

Exempt from taxation.

Must be used exclusively in carrying on business.

SEC. 3. This act shall apply to and govern any and all associations, corporations and societies heretofore organized or authorized to do business in this state and now or hereafter operating upon a plan in accordance with the provisions of this act, but this act shall not be construed to affect fraternal beneficiary associations having a lodge system with ritualistic form of work and representative form of government.

Does not affect beneficiary associations having lodge systems.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 20, 1903.

CHAPTER 297.

S. F. No. 496

An act to authorize certain officials to prevent the suffering of animals by exposure to inclement weather.

To prevent suffering of animals.

Be it enacted by the legislature of the State of Minnesota.

SECTION 1. Every sheriff, constable, village marshal and police officer are hereby authorized to enter into and

Officers authorized to act.