

HOUSE No. 1096

By Mr. Vaughan of Belmont, petition of Leon Arkin that fraternal benefit societies be authorized to admit to beneficial membership for death benefits persons under fifty years of age without medical examination. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Seven.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING FRATERNAL BENEFIT SOCIETIES TO ADMIT TO BENEFICIAL MEMBERSHIP FOR DEATH BENEFITS NOT EXCEEDING FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS PERSONS UNDER FIFTY YEARS OF AGE WITHOUT MEDICAL EXAMINATION BY LEGALLY QUALIFIED PHYSICIANS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 31 of chapter 176 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by section 7 of chapter 346 of
3 the acts of 1945, is hereby further amended by insert-
4 ing after the word "that" following the word "pro-
5 vided" the only time the latter appears therein, the
6 words: — any member of such society under fifty years
7 of age who shall apply for a certificate providing for
8 death benefits not exceeding the total sum of five hun-
9 dred dollars, and, — so that said section as so amended
10 shall read as follows: — *Section 31.* Except as pro-
11 vided in sections twenty-three to twenty-eight, inclu-
12 sive, any society may admit to beneficial membership

13 any person, not less than sixteen and not more than
14 sixty years of age, who has been examined by a legally
15 qualified physician if the examination has been super-
16 vised and approved in accordance with the by-laws of
17 the society; provided that any member of such society
18 under fifty years of age who shall apply for a certificate
19 providing for death benefits not exceeding the total
20 sum of five hundred dollars, and any member of such
21 society who shall apply for a certificate providing for
22 benefits on account of disability from sickness or in-
23 jury, hospitalization, medical service or death by acci-
24 dent only, need not be required to pass a medical
25 examination therefor. This section shall not prevent
26 such society from accepting general or social members.