

HOUSE No. 1255

By Mr. Patrick Gilbert Sullivan of Boston, petition of Joseph A. Cahalan for legislation relative to unclaimed death benefits of fraternal benefit societies. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO UNCLAIMED DEATH BENEFITS OF FRATERNAL BENEFIT SOCIETIES.

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 1. Chapter 176 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by adding after section 19 the follow-
3 ing new section:—

4 *Section 19A.* Whenever there shall become payable
5 to any beneficiary duly entitled to receive the same
6 under the provisions of chapter one hundred and
7 seventy-six of the General Laws, or of the constitu-
8 tion and by-laws of any society, a death benefit or
9 any part thereof, which shall remain unclaimed by
10 said beneficiary for a period of twenty years from the
11 date of death of the member, the amount thereof,
12 together with any accretions, whether placed in trust
13 for said beneficiary or not, shall be paid into and

14 become a part of the general mortuary fund of the
15 society.

1 SECTION 2. The provisions hereof shall be ap-
2 plicable to any unclaimed death benefits held by any
3 society in trust or otherwise on the effective date of
4 this act.