

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

MEMORANDUM OF COMMISSIONER OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION PURSUANT TO GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 7, WITH RESPECT TO PETITION OF JOHN GUARINO FOR LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS ORDER SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA TO PROVIDE HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICE INSURANCE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ITS MEMBERS.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1959.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

The above-named petition was transmitted to me by Alice R. Mooney, Clerk, House Committee on Rules on August 28, 1959, with a request for a memorandum.

Our records indicate that by section 1 of chapter 196 of the Acts of 1931, The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts Order Sons of Italy in America was authorized to transact business in the commonwealth and to pay a death benefit to families or dependents of deceased members as fixed by its by-laws, not exceeding five hundred dollars. Section 2 of said chapter provided that a report should be made to the Commissioner of Insurance with reference to the payment of benefits. Chapter 425 of the Acts of 1952 struck out section 1 and inserted in place thereof a new section 1 which provided for the payment of additional benefits.

The bill before your Honorable Bodies for consideration seeks to set up and provide, in accordance with plans to be filed with the Commissioner of Insurance, for the payment of hospital and medical expenses and for the services of surgeons, physicians and nurses or for any one of these services or expenses in connection with sickness, disease or accidents, or the results therefrom, for the benefit of its members, their families or dependents.

Jurisdiction over corporations such as described in the petition is vested in the Insurance Commissioner of the Commonwealth. It is, therefore, respectfully recommended that his opinion on the merits of the bill be obtained.

No fee is payable by a corporation of a type involved in this petition.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT T. CAPELESS,

Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation.

By Mr. Patrone of Boston, petition of John Guarino for legislation to authorize The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts Order Sons of Italy in America to provide hospital and medical service insurance for the benefit of its members. Insurance.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Nine.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS ORDER SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA TO PROVIDE HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICE INSURANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLANS TO BE FILED WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ITS MEMBERS.

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

1 The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts Order Sons of Italy in
2 America, as now or hereafter constituted and established under
3 the charter, constitution and by-laws of the Supreme Lodge
4 Order Sons of Italy in America, a corporation established under
5 the laws of the state of New Jersey, is hereby authorized to set
6 up and provide, in accordance with plans to be filed with the
7 commissioner of insurance, for the payment of hospital and
8 medical expenses and for the services of surgeons, physicians and
9 nurses or for any one of these services or expenses in connection
10 with sickness, disease or accidents, or the results therefrom, for
11 the benefit of its members, their families or dependents.

