

HOUSE No. 1584

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

MEMORANDUM TO ACCOMPANY THE PETITION OF FRANK P. FRALLI AND OTHERS THAT THE CORPORATION KNOWN AS THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER SONS OF ITALY BE AUTHORIZED TO GRANT AND PAY CERTAIN DEATH BENEFITS.

(See Section 7 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 364 of the Acts of 1937.)

FEBRUARY 3, 1938.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

The above-named petition was transmitted to me by the Clerk of the House, January 13, 1938.

Pursuant to notification the petitioner amended the petition to include a statement as required by General Laws, chapter 3, section 7, as amended, to indicate why the object sought cannot be accomplished under the General Laws.

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts of The Independent Order of the Sons of Italy is a corporation established under the laws of the state of New York. It seeks through the bill accompanying the petition authority to transact business in Massachusetts, subject to certain provisions of section 46 of chapter 176 of the General Laws and certain other provisions stipulated in the bill itself. It also seeks authority, subject to certain conditions, to pay

death benefits in excess of the amount permitted by said chapter 176. The object sought cannot be accomplished under the General Laws, but requires a special act of the General Court, if the General Court shall deem it good policy to make such a special grant of authority.

As the corporation is not organized for purposes of business or profit no fee is required.

Respectfully yours,

HENRY F. LONG,
Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation.

By Mr. Milano of Melrose, petition of Frank P. Fralli and others that the corporation known as the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts of The Independent Order Sons of Italy be authorized to grant and pay certain death benefits. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER SONS OF ITALY TO GRANT AND PAY CERTAIN DEATH BENEFITS.

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. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts of
2 The Independent Order Sons of Italy, as now or here-
3 after constituted and established under the charter,
4 constitution and by-laws of the Supreme Lodge of
5 The Independent Order Sons of Italy, a corporation
6 established under the laws of the state of New York,
7 is hereby authorized to transact business in the com-
8 monwealth and to pay a death benefit to families or
9 dependents of deceased members as fixed by its by-
10 laws, but not exceeding five hundred dollars as to
11 any one member.

1 SECTION 2. The said Grand Lodge shall, except as
2 otherwise provided in this act, be subject to the pro-
3 visions of section forty-six, except the third para-
4 graph thereof, of chapter one hundred and seventy-

5 six of the General Laws, relative to limited fraternal
6 benefit societies, and, in addition, to the following
7 provisions:— The said Grand Lodge shall, before
8 paying or agreeing to pay a death benefit as aforesaid
9 exceeding two hundred dollars, file a written notice
10 of its intention to pay such a benefit with the com-
11 missioner of insurance in such form and containing
12 such information as the said commissioner may
13 require and it shall, during such time as it pays or
14 agrees to pay a death benefit exceeding said sum, file
15 with said commissioner annually on or before March
16 first a financial statement, in such form and contain-
17 ing such information as the commissioner may
18 require, executed on oath or under the penalties of
19 perjury by two or more of its principal officers,
20 directors or trustees, showing its financial condition
21 as of December thirty-first of the preceding year.