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An Act to explain and render more effectual an Act, paſſed in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Thirty-ſixth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, for the Encouragement and Relief of Friendly Societies.

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WHEREAS by an Act, made in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Thirty-ſixth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the Encouragement and Relief of Friendly Societies*, Iriſh Act
reciting that ſeveral benevolent and charitable Inſtitutions and Societies 36 G. 3.
had been formed in *Ireland*, for the Purpoſe of relieving by voluntary Subſcriptions and Benefactions the Widows, Orphans, and Families of the Clergy, both of the eſtabliſhed Church and Diſſenters, and others in diſtreſſed Circumſtances; certain Regulations were made for the Benefit of ſuch of the ſaid Charitable Inſtitutions and Societies as ſhould procure the Rules for the Diſtribution and Management of their Funds, to be preſented to the Juſtices of the Peace at any Quarter Seſſions to be holden within the Time limited in the ſaid Act: And whereas it is expedient to extend the Benefits of the ſaid Act to ſuch Charitable Inſtitutions and Societies, for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, as may have omitted to regiſter their Rules for the Diſtribution and Management of their Funds, within the Time limited by the ſaid recited Act; and alſo to ſuch Charitable Inſtitutions and Societies for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, as have been inſtituted

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ſince the ſaid recited Act, as may hereafter be inſtituted; be it therefore enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That, from and after the paſſing of this Act, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Members of any Charitable Inſtitution or Society, which, at any Time before the paſſing of the ſaid recited Act or this Act, ſhall have been eſtabliſhed, or which at any Time after the paſſing of this Act ſhall and may be eſtabliſhed in that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland* for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, to frame good and wholeſome Rules, Orders, and Regulations for the Management and Diſtribution of their Funds, and ſuch Rules, Orders, and Regulations, from Time to Time to amend and alter, and to make new Rules as occaſion ſhall require, and as ſhall appear neceſſary to the Majority of the ſaid Societies reſpectively at their regular Public Meetings, or any Adjournment thereof, ſo as ſuch Rules, Orders, and Regulations ſhall not be repugnant to the Laws in force in *Ireland*, or to any of the expreſs Proviſions or Regulations of the ſaid recited Act.

Society may frame Rules for the Management of their Funds.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That all ſuch Rules, Orders, and Regulations ſhall be exhibited in Writing under the Signature of the Chairman, Preſident, Moderator, or Regiſter of ſuch Societies reſpectively, with all convenient Speed after the ſame ſhall have been made, altered, or amended, to the Aſſiſtant Barriſter and Juſtices of the Peace aſſembled at the General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace, or at any Adjournment thereof, in and for the County, County of a City, or County of a Town where ſuch Charitable Inſtitution or Society ſhall be reſpectively eſtabliſhed; and ſuch Rules, Orders, and Regulations ſhall be ſubject to the Review of ſuch Aſſiſtant Barriſter and Juſtices; and in caſe ſuch Rules, Orders, and Regulations ſhall be found upon Examination by the ſaid Aſſiſtant Barriſter and Juſtices, either at the then or the then next ſubſequent Seſſion to contain nothing repugnant to the Laws of this Realm, or the expreſs Proviſion of the ſaid recited Act, ſuch Aſſiſtant Barriſter and Juſtices ſhall and may, and they are hereby authorized, empowered, and required to order the Clerk of the Peace to ſign the ſame, and to file a Duplicate of ſuch Rules, Orders, and Regulations, and to depoſit the ſame with the Rolls of ſaid Seſſions, in like Manner as is required by the ſaid recited Act in other like Caſes; and in caſe it ſhall happen that any ſuch Charitable Inſtitution or Society ſhall conſiſt of Members reſiding in more Counties than one, then and in ſuch Caſe all ſuch Rules, Orders, and Regulations may and ſhall be confirmed and regiſtered as aforeſaid by the Aſſiſtant Barriſter and Juſtices in and for the County in which ſuch Society ſhall be eſtabliſhed, or in any other County ſelected for that Purpoſe by ſuch Society, and wherein any of the Members of ſuch Society ſhall reſide.

Such Rules ſhall be ſubmitted to the Quarter Seſſions, who may confirm them.

III. And be it further enacted, That all ſuch Charitable Societies or Inſtitutions for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, whoſe Rules, Orders, and Regulations ſhall at any Time after the paſſing of this Act be ſo approved and filed as herein directed, ſhall be entitled to the Benefit of the ſaid recited Act of the Thirty-ſixth Year aforeſaid, and of all the Clauſes and Proviſions in the ſaid Act contained, in relation to the Appointment of a Treaſurer or Treaſurers, Truſtee or Truſtees, and to the taking Security from

Societies, whoſe Rules ſhall be ſo confirmed, ſhall be entitled to the Benefit of the recited Act.

such Treasurer, and to the lending of any Part of the Capital Stock or Fund of such Societies or Institutions on Public or Private Securities, and to the protecting, securing, transferring, or recovering the same; and the said recited Act shall extend and be construed to extend to all such Charitable Institutions and Societies with relation to the several Matters before mentioned, as fully as if the same were repeated and re-enacted in this Act.

Funds of the Societies how to be applied.

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any Treasurer or other Officer entrusted with Monies belonging to any such Charitable Society or Institution for the Purposes aforesaid, to apply or appropriate any Part thereof under any Pretext whatever, to any Uses or Purposes other than the Payment of the Annuities to the Widows, Orphans, or Families of deceased Members of such Charitable Societies or Institutions entitled to the same, excepting only such reasonable Salary for his Trouble and Expence attending the Management of the Funds of any such Charitable Society or Institution respectively, as shall be allowed to such Treasurer or Officer in the regular Settlement of his Accounts, with the Members, Trustees, or Governors thereof; and that any Surplus remaining in the Hands of any Person being such Treasurer or other Officer, after paying the Annuities and deducting the Salary and Expences of Management as aforesaid, shall be added to and accounted for as Part of the Capital Stock or Fund of the Charitable Society or Institution respectively, of which such Person shall be Treasurer or Officer respectively.

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