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An Act to Incorporate Charitable, Philanthropic, and Provident Associations.

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WHEREAS it is expedient that the establishment and maintenance of Charitable, Philanthropic, and Provident Associations should be encouraged in this Community; Preamble.

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of British Columbia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

I. Any number of persons may unite themselves into a Society for making provision, by means of contributions, subscriptions, donations, or otherwise, against sickness, unavoidable misfortune, or death, and for relieving the Widows and Orphan Children of Members deceased. Any number of persons may unite and form Charitable Associations;

II. The Members and Officers of such Society may from time to time establish and maintain any number of branches thereof, to promote the objects herein set forth. and establish branches.

III. Each Society shall have a Common Seal, and may change and alter the same at their will and pleasure, and by whatever name, designation, number, or description the Society is known, shall have continued succession; and may contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in all Courts and places, and in all actions, suits, complaints, matters, and causes whatsoever. To have a Seal, &c. May sue and be sued, &c.

IV. The Members of such Societies respectively may nominate, choose, and appoint proper persons as Trustees, Treasurers, Secretaries, or other Officers, for conducting the business, discipline, and management of the Society, and may meet together from time to time to make, alter, rescind, or frame By-Laws, Rules, or Regulations, for the necessary government of and for conducting the business of the Society or any branches thereof, to be approved and certified by the Registrar General of Titles as hereinafter mentioned. May elect Officers, and make By-Laws; to be approved by Registrar General.

V. Such By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations, shall not contain anything in violation of the Laws, Statutes, or Customs of this Colony, or be directed to the furtherance of any political or seditious object whatsoever. By-Laws, &c., not to be in violation of existing Laws, &c.

Two transcripts of the By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations so to be from time to time framed as aforesaid, shall be lodged in the Office of the Registrar General of Titles. Two transcripts of By-Laws, &c., to be lodged in Registrar General's Office.

If the Registrar General shall approve of such By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations, one transcript shall be filed in the Office of the Registrar General, and the other transcript shall be certified by the Registrar General as having been approved by him, and returned to the Secretary or other Officer of the Association having charge of the documents belonging to the Association. A fee If approved, one copy to be filed, and the other certified and returned to Secretary of Association.