**SOCIAL ORDER OF MOOSE**
**Act 104 of 1905**

AN ACT to provide for the incorporation of the Social Order of Moose of the state of Michigan.

**History:** 1905, Act 104, Imd. Eff. May 10, 1905.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

### 457.401 Social Order of Moose; incorporation of lodges.

Sec. 1. That grand and subordinate lodges of the Social Order of Moose, of the state of Michigan, may be incorporated in pursuance of provisions of this act.

**History:** 1905, Act 104, Imd. Eff. May 10, 1905;—CL 1915, 10624;—CL 1929, 10685;—CL 1948, 457.401.

### 457.402 Grand lodge; incorporators; articles of association, execution, contents.

Sec. 2. That any 10 or more persons with their associates and successors, shall constitute the grand lodge of the Social Order of Moose, of the state of Michigan, and they are hereby authorized to make and execute under their hands and seals, articles of association, which said articles of association shall be acknowledged before some officer of this state, having authority to make (take) acknowledgments of deeds, and shall set forth:

First. The names of persons so associating in the first instance, and their places of residence;

Second. The corporate name by which such association shall be known in the law, and the place of its business office;

Third. The object and purpose of such association shall be to protect and aid its members and their families, and to promote friendship and social intercourse, and to accumulate a fund for that purpose, and the period for which it is incorporated, not exceeding 30 years.

**History:** 1905, Act 104, Imd. Eff. May 10, 1905;—CL 1915, 10625;—CL 1929, 10686;—CL 1948, 457.402.

### 457.403 Grand lodge; articles and constitution, filing; body corporate, powers.

Sec. 3. A copy of the said articles of association, together with a copy of the constitution of said grand lodge, shall be filed with the secretary of state, and thereupon the persons who shall have signed such articles of association, and their associates and successors, shall be a body politic and corporate under the name of the grand lodge of the Social Order of Moose, of the state of Michigan, and by that name they and their associates shall have succession, and shall be persons in the law, capable to purchase, take, receive, hold and enjoy, to them and their successors, estates real and personal, of suing and being sued, and they and their successors may have a common seal, which may be changed and altered at their pleasure: Provided, That the value of such real and personal estate shall not exceed the sum of 50,000 dollars, and that they, and their successors, shall have authority and power to give, grant, sell, lease, demise and dispose of said real estate or part thereof, at their will and pleasure, and the proceeds, rents and income shall be devoted exclusively to the charitable and benevolent purposes of the Social Order of Moose, of the state of Michigan. Said corporation shall have full power and authority to make and establish rules, regulations and by-laws, for regulating and governing all the affairs and business of said corporation, according to the laws of this state, and the United States, and to designate, elect or appoint, from its members, such officers, under such name and style as shall be in accordance with the customs of their order.

**History:** 1905, Act 104, Imd. Eff. May 10, 1905;—CL 1915, 10626;—CL 1929, 10687;—CL 1948, 457.403.

### 457.404 Grand lodge; certified copy of articles as evidence.

Sec. 4. A copy of the record of said articles of association, under the seal of the state, duly certified according to law, shall be received as prima facie evidence in all courts of this state, of the existence and due incorporation of such corporation.

**History:** 1905, Act 104, Imd. Eff. May 10, 1905;—CL 1915, 10627;—CL 1929, 10688;—CL 1948, 457.404.

### 457.405 Subordinate lodges; chartering, regulation.

Sec. 5. Such corporation when duly formed shall have full power to institute, and charter subordinate lodges within this state, and within all states and territories of the United States, and within the Dominion of Canada, and from time to time to make, ordain, constitute and establish such constitution, general laws and by-laws, ordinances and regulations as it shall judge proper for the regulation and government of such subordinate lodges, not repugnant to the laws of this state, or the United States, or the Dominion of Canada.

**History:** 1905, Act 104, Imd. Eff. May 10, 1905;—CL 1915, 10628;—CL 1929, 10689;—CL 1948, 457.405.

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