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APPROVAL, SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION COVERING EXTRA WORK CONTRACT FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 9, 1930.

HON, ROBERT N. WAID, Director of Highways, Columbus, Ohio.

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DISAPPROVAL, AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE FIRST HUNGARIAN DRAMATIC AND SICK BENEFIT SOCIETY OF LORAIN, OHIO.

Columbus, Ohio, December 9, 1930.

Hon. Clarence J. Brown, Secretary of State, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—This will acknowledge receipt of your request for my opinion, with which you enclose a proposed amendment to the articles of incorporation of the First Hungarian Dramatic and Sick Benefit Society of Lorain, Ohio. Your communication reads as follows:

"Under date of Sept. 1, 1900, there were filed articles of incorporation for the Hungarian Dramatic and Sick Benefit Society of Lorain, Ohio. The articles were filed under the general corporation laws, and gave the following as the purpose:

'To promote friendship, charity and benevolence, and to assist its members in sickness or distress, and aid the families of deceased members by voluntary contributions, under regulations and by-laws to be adopted.'

Submitted herewith for your opinion and approval is a proposed amendment to the articles in question which you will note includes practically the entire original purpose and also certain benefit provisions. Do the proposed provisions amount to a change of the status of the corporation from a general corporation not for profit, to a corporation within those contemplated by the insurance sections of the Code? If so, can the original articles of the company be now so altered by amendment?"

Section 9474, General Code, pertaining to fraternal, religious, charitable and similar benefit associations, reads as follows:

"Any society now engaged in transacting business in this state may exercise, after the passage of this act, all of the rights conferred thereby, and all of the rights, powers and privileges now exercised or possessed by it under its charter or articles of incorporation not inconsistent with this act, if incorporated; or, if it be a voluntary association, it may incorporate hereunder. But no society already organized shall be required to incorporate hereunder,