

**512B.2 Definitions.**

As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Alien society*” means an association organized under the laws of another country.
  2. “*Benefit contract*” means the agreement for provision of benefits authorized by [section 512B.16](#), as that agreement is described in [section 512B.19, subsection 1](#).
  3. “*Benefit member*” means an adult member who is designated by the laws or rules of the society to be a benefit member under a benefit contract.
  4. “*Certificate*” means the document issued as written evidence of the benefit contract.
  5. “*Commissioner*” means the commissioner of insurance or the commissioner’s designee.
  6. “*Domestic society*” means an association organized under the laws of this state.
  7. “*Foreign society*” means an association organized under the laws of another state or territory of the United States.
  8. “*Laws*” means the society’s articles of incorporation, constitution, and bylaws, however designated.
  9. “*Lodge*” means a subordinate member unit of the society, whether known as a camp, court, council, branch, or by any other designation.
  10. “*Premium*” means a premium, rate, dues, or other required contribution by whatever name known, which is payable under the certificate.
  11. “*Regulations*” means all regulations, or resolutions adopted by the supreme governing body or board of directors which are intended to have general application to the members of the society.
  12. “*Society*” means a fraternal benefit society, unless otherwise indicated.
- [90 Acts, ch 1148, §2](#)