

public highways within the limits of this State, shall be deemed equivalent to an appointment by such non-resident individual, firm or corporation of the Secretary of State, or his successor in office, to be his, their or its true and lawful attorney upon whom may be served all lawful processes in any action or proceeding instituted, filed or pending against him, them or it, growing out of any accident or collision in which said non-resident may be involved, while operating or causing to be operated, a motor vehicle on such public highway and said acceptance of the rights and privileges of using said highways or the operation of said motor vehicle by said non-resident individual, firm or corporation within this State, shall be a signification of his, their or its agreement that any such process against him, them or it which is so served shall be of the same legal force and validity as if served on him, them or it personally. Service of such process shall be made by leaving a copy of the process with a fee of \$2.00 in the hands of the Secretary of State, or in his office, and such service shall be sufficient service upon the said non-resident individual, firm or corporation, and of full force and effect in any Court of this State; provided that notice of such service and a copy of the process shall forthwith be sent by registered mail by the plaintiff or his attorney to the defendant and the defendant's return receipt is appended to the original process and filed therewith in court; and the plaintiff's or his attorney's affidavit of compliance herewith shall be filed with the Clerk of the Court in which the said proceedings are pending. The Court in which the action is pending may order such continuances as may be necessary to afford the defendant a reasonable opportunity to defend the action. The fee of \$2.00 paid by the plaintiff to the Secretary of State at the time of service, shall be taxed in the costs of the proceedings and the Secretary of State shall keep a record of all such processes which shall show the day and hour of service, and he shall account for all funds so coming into his hands from such services, to the proper officer or department of this State.

187D. Proof of ability to respond in damages, when required by this Act, may be evidenced by the written certificate or certificates of any insurance carrier duly authorized to do business within the State, that it has issued to or for the benefit of the person named therein a motor vehicle liability policy or policies in the form hereinafter prescribed, which, at the date of the certificate or certificates, is or are in full force and effect,