

507A.2 Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to subject certain persons and insurers to the jurisdiction of the insurance commissioner and the courts of this state in suits by or on behalf of the state and insureds or beneficiaries under insurance contracts. The general assembly hereby declares that it is a subject of concern that many residents of this state hold policies of insurance issued by persons and insurers not authorized to do insurance business in this state, thus presenting to such residents the often insuperable obstacle of asserting their legal rights under such policies in forums foreign to them under laws and rules of practice with which they are not familiar. The general assembly further declares that it is also concerned with the protection of residents of this state against acts by persons and insurers not authorized to do an insurance business in this state, by the maintenance of fair and honest insurance markets, by protecting the premium tax revenues of this state, by protecting authorized persons and insurers which are subject to regulation from unfair competition by unauthorized persons and insurers, and by protecting against the evasion of the insurance regulatory laws of this state.

In furtherance of such state interest, the general assembly herein provides methods for substituted service of process upon such persons or insurers in any proceeding, suit or action in any court and substitute service of any notice, order, pleading or process upon such persons or insurers in any proceeding before the commissioner of insurance to enforce or effect full compliance with the insurance and tax laws of this state. In so doing, the state exercises its powers to protect residents of this state and to define what constitutes doing an insurance business in this state, and also exercises powers and privileges available to this state by virtue of Public Law 79-15, 79th Congress of the United States, Chapter 20, 1st Sess., S. 340, 59 Stat. L. 33; 15 U.S.C. § 1011 to 1015, inclusive, which declares that the business of insurance and every person engaged therein shall be subject to the laws of the several states.

[C50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 507A.2]