

321.498 Legal effect of use and operation.

1. The acceptance by any nonresident of this state of the privileges extended by the laws of this state to nonresident operators or owners of operating a motor vehicle, or having the same operated, within this state shall be deemed:

a. An agreement by the nonresident that the nonresident shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the district court of this state over all civil actions and proceedings against the nonresident for damages to person or property growing or arising out of such use and operation, and

b. An appointment by such nonresident of the director of this state as the nonresident's lawful attorney upon whom may be served all original notices of suit pertaining to such actions and proceedings, and

c. An agreement by such nonresident that any original notice of suit so served shall be of the same legal force and validity as if personally served on the nonresident in this state.

2. The term "*nonresident*" shall include any person who was, at the time of the accident or event, a resident of the state of Iowa but who removed from the state before the commencement of such action or proceedings.

[C31, 35, §5079-d11; C39, §**5038.01**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §321.498] 2010 Acts, ch 1069, §102