

THE INSURANCE CODE OF 1956 (EXCERPT)
Act 218 of 1956

500.2093 Enforcement of act against foreign or alien insurer; procedure.

Sec. 2093. (a) Any of the following acts in this state, effected by mail or otherwise, by any unauthorized foreign or alien insurer: (1) the issuance or delivery of contracts or insurance to residents of this state, (2) the solicitation of applications for such contracts, (3) the collection of premiums, membership fees, assessments or other considerations for such contracts, or (4) any other transaction of insurance business, is equivalent to and shall constitute an appointment by the insurer of the commissioner to be its true and lawful attorney, upon whom may be served all statements of charges, notices and lawful process in any proceeding instituted in respect to the misrepresentations set forth in section 2091 under the provisions of sections 2001 to 2050, or in any action, suit or proceeding for the recovery of any penalty therein provided, and any such act shall be signification of its agreement that such service of statement of charges, notices or process is of the same legal force and validity as personal service of the statement of charges, notices or process in this state, upon the insurer.

(b) Service of a statement of charges and notices under sections 2001 to 2050 shall be made by any deputy or employee of the department delivering to and leaving with the commissioner, or some person in apparent charge of his office, 2 copies thereof. Service of process issued by any court in any action, suit or proceeding to collect any penalty provided under sections 2001 to 2050, shall be made by delivering and leaving with the commissioner, or some person in apparent charge of his office, 2 copies thereof. The commissioner shall forthwith cause to be mailed by certified mail 1 of the copies of the statement of charges, notices or process to the defendant at its last known principal place of business, and shall keep a record of all statement of charges, notices and process so served. The service of statement of charges, notices or process shall be sufficient if they have been so mailed and the defendant's receipt, or receipt issued by the post office with which the letter is certified, or showing the name of the sender of the letter and the name and address of the person to whom the letter is addressed, and the affidavit of the person mailing the letter showing a compliance herewith are filed with the commissioner in the case of any statement of charges or notices, or with the clerk of the court in which the action is pending in the case of any process, on or before the date the defendant is required to appear or within such further time as may be allowed.

(c) Service of statement of charges, notices and process in any such proceeding, action or suit shall in addition to the manner provided in subsection (b) of this section be valid if served upon any person within this state who on behalf of such insurer is:

- (1) Soliciting insurance, or
- (2) Making, issuing or delivering any contract of insurance, or

(3) Collecting or receiving in this state any premium for insurance; and a copy of such statement of charges, notices or process is sent within 10 days thereafter by certified mail by or on behalf of the commissioner to the defendant at the last known principal place of business of the defendant, and the defendant's receipt, or the receipt issued by the post office with which the letter is certified, showing the name of the sender of the letter, the name and address of the person to whom the letter is addressed, and the affidavit of the person mailing the same showing a compliance herewith, are filed with the commissioner in the case of any statement of charges or notices, or with the clerk of the court in which such action is pending in the case of any process, on or before the date the defendant is required to appear or within such further time as the court may allow.

(d) No cease or desist order or judgment by default or a judgment pro confesso under this section shall be entered until the expiration of 30 days from the date of the filing of the affidavit of compliance.

(e) Service of process and notice under the provisions of this act shall be in addition to all other methods of service provided by law, and nothing in this section shall limit or prohibit the right to serve any statement of charges, notices or process upon any insurer in any other manner now or hereafter permitted by law.

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