

herewith are filed with the clerk of the court in which such action is pending on or before the date the defendant is required to appear, or within such further time as the court may allow.

#### **207. Default Judgment.**

No plaintiff or complainant shall be entitled to a judgment by default until the expiration of thirty days from date of the filing of the affidavit of compliance.

#### **208. Mode of Service Cumulative.**

Nothing in this Act shall limit or abridge the right to serve any process, notice or demand upon any insurer in any other manner now or hereafter permitted by law.

#### **209. Defense By Unauthorized Insurer.**

(a) Deposit or bond. Before any unauthorized foreign or alien insurer shall file or cause to be filed any pleading in any action, suit or proceeding instituted against it, such unauthorized insurer shall in addition to any other requirement that may be imposed by law either (1) deposit with the clerk of the court in which such action, suit or proceeding is pending cash or securities or file with such clerk a bond with good and sufficient sureties, to be approved by the court, in an amount to be fixed by the court sufficient to secure the payment of any final judgment which may be rendered in such action; provided, however, that the court may in its discretion make an order dispensing with such deposit or bond where the insurer makes a showing satisfactory to such court that it maintains in a state of the United States funds or securities, in trust or otherwise, sufficient and available to satisfy any final judgment which may be entered in such action, suit or proceedings; or (2) procure a certificate of authority to transact the business of insurance in this State.

(b) Postponement. The court in any action, suit or proceeding, in which service is made in the manner provided in sections 205 and 206, may, in its discretion, order such postponement as may be necessary to afford the defendant reasonable opportunity to comply with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section and to defend such action.

(c) Motion to quash writ. Nothing in subsection (a) of this section is to be construed to prevent an unauthorized foreign or alien insurer from filing a motion to quash a writ or to set aside service thereof made in the manner provided in sections 205 and 206 of this subtitle on the ground either (1) that such unauthorized insurer has not done any of the acts enumerated in section 204, or (2) that the person on whom service was made pursuant to section 206 was not doing any of the acts therein enumerated.

#### **210. Attorney Fees of Plaintiff.**

In any action against an unauthorized foreign or alien insurer upon a contract of insurance issued or delivered in this State to a resident thereof or to a corporation authorized to do business therein, if the insurer has failed for thirty days after demand prior to the commencement of the action to make payment in accordance with the terms of the contract, and it appears to the court that such refusal was vexatious and without reasonable cause, the court may