

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 120(a) of Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Corporations", sub-title "Foreign Corporations", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

120(a) Every foreign corporation doing intrastate or interstate or foreign business in this State, except insurance companies subject to the provisions of Article 48A and except railroads operating in this State and national banks, shall have at least one resident agent in this State whose name and address, as such, have been certified to the State Tax Commission, and also a mailing address which has likewise been certified to the State Tax Commission. Each such foreign corporation shall continue to have at least one such resident agent and a mailing address so certified as long as it is subject to suit in this State. Each such resident agent shall be an individual actually residing in this State or a corporation of this State. Service of process upon any such agent of a foreign corporation shall bind such foreign corporation in any action in which it is subject to suit in this State; but, notwithstanding any other provisions of this Article to the contrary, compliance with this section shall not of itself render a foreign corporation subject to suit in this State, or be construed as a consent by it to be sued in this State, on any cause of action on which it would not be subject to suit in this State if it had not complied with this section. The resignation of a resident agent of a foreign corporation shall not be effective until ten days after an original counterpart thereof shall have been filed with the State Tax Commission unless at the time of such resignation such foreign corporation has one or more other resident agents.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1941.

Approved May 2, 1941.

CHAPTER 688.

(House Bill 900)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 18 and 19 of Article 89 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Statistics and Information", sub-title "Bureau of Mines", and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections to follow immediately