

his, their or its true and lawful attorney upon whom may be served all lawful processes in any action or proceeding instituted, filed or pending against him, them or it, growing out of any accident or collision in which said non-resident may be involved, while operating or causing to be operated, a motor vehicle on such public highway and said acceptance of the rights and privileges of using said highways or the operation of said motor vehicle by said non-resident individual, firm or corporation within this State, shall be a signification of his, their or its agreement that such process against him, them or it which is so served shall be of the same legal force and validity (except as hereinafter provided) as if served on him, them or it personally. Service of such persons shall be made by leaving a copy of the process with a fee of \$2.00 in the hands of the Secretary of State or in his office, and such service shall be sufficient service upon the said non-resident individual, firm or corporation, and of full force and effect in any court and before any Justice of the Peace of this State; provided that notice of such service and a copy of the declaration, cause of action or titling shall forthwith be sent by registered mail by the plaintiff or his attorney to the defendant and the defendant's return receipt, and the plaintiff's or his attorney's affidavit of compliance herewith shall be filed with the Clerk of the Court or before the Justice of the Peace in which the said proceedings are pending; but in the event such return receipt is not returned to the plaintiff or the plaintiff's attorney, signed by the defendant, then notice of such service and a copy of the declaration, cause of action or titling, shall be served upon the defendant by any person authorized to serve process under the law of the jurisdiction in which the defendant may be found; and when a declaration, cause of action or titling in any such action shall have been filed in Court or before a Justice of the Peace and service of process made upon the Secretary of State, and notice thereof and a copy of said declaration, cause of action or titling sent to the defendant, and the defendant's return receipt, together with the affidavit of compliance, or an affidavit by the person making the service on the defendant, that a notice of such service and a copy of the declaration, cause of action or titling have been served upon the defendant by a person authorized to serve process under the law of the jurisdiction in which the defendant shall have been found, filed with the Clerk of the Court or before the Justice of the Peace as hereinabove provided, the defendant shall plead to said declaration, cause of action or titling within sixty days from the date of