

CHAPTER 607

(House Bill 636)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 75 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Pleadings, Practice and Process at Law", sub-title "Process", said new section to be known as Section 157A and to follow immediately after Section 157 of said Article, relating to jurisdiction and venue in certain suits against the owners or operators of aircraft.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 75 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Pleadings, Practice and Process at Law", sub-title "Process", said new section to be known as Section 157A and to follow immediately after Section 157 of said Article and to read as follows:

157A. (a) The acceptance by a non-resident individual, firm or corporation of the rights and privileges of using the airways and airway service facilities of Maryland, shall be deemed equivalent to an appointment by the non-resident of the Secretary of State, as attorney upon whom may be served all lawful process in any action against the non-resident growing out of any injury to person or property of a Maryland resident occurring in Maryland which results from the operation of said aircraft while operated, or caused to be operated by said non-resident. Service shall be made in the same manner and with the same consequences provided for service of non-resident motor vehicle owners or operators in Article 66½, Section 106 (a)—(f), inclusive.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 157, in any action against the owner or operators of aircraft growing out of any injury to the person or property of a Maryland resident occurring in Maryland, which results from the operation of said aircraft, suit may be brought in the county in which such injury occurred.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1949.

Approved April 29, 1949.