

Section 159 thereof, permitting substituted service of process on the Secretary of State in suits filed against non-residents operating watercraft using the waterways of this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 159A be and it is hereby added to Article 75 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Pleading, Practice and Process at Law", sub-title "Process", to follow immediately after Section 159 thereof, and to read as follows:

159A. (a) *The acceptance by a non-resident individual, firm or corporation of the rights and privileges of using the waterways 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 an injury to person or property of a Maryland resident occurring in Maryland which results from the operation of said watercraft 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 113(a)-(f), inclusive, as amended from time to time.*

(b) *Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 158 hereof, in any action against the owner or operators of watercraft growing out of any injury to the person or property of a Maryland resident occurring in Maryland, which results from the operation of said watercraft, 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, 1955.

Approved March 29, 1955.

CHAPTER 187

(Senate Bill 252)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 430C and 430E of the Laws of Harford County (1942 Edition), being Article 13 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Harford County", sub-title "Metropolitan Commission", as said sections were enacted by Chapter 679 of the Acts of 1953, amending the provisions of the laws concerning the Metropolitan Commission of Harford County with respect to the funds to be furnished to the Commission for its organization, preliminary expenses and first issue of bonds.

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EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

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