

(3) Such information as is known to him with regard to liability insurance in effect with respect to the motor vehicles involved in the accident, and

(4) A copy of the complaint if an action has theretofore been brought for the enforcement of such claim. Such person shall also notify the board of any action thereafter instituted for the enforcement of such claim within 15 days after the institution thereof, and such notice shall be accompanied by a copy of the complaint. The board shall be authorized to extend the period of filing any of the documents to accompany the said notice upon proper cause.

(b) The commissioner is hereby authorized and empowered, the provisions of any other law relating to the confidential nature of any reports or information furnished to or filed with the Department of Motor Vehicles notwithstanding, to furnish to the board upon its request, for such use, utilization and purposes as the board may deem reasonably appropriate to administer this sub-title and discharge its functions hereunder, any reports or information filed by any person or persons claiming benefits under the provisions of this sub-title, that the commissioner has with regard to any accident, any operator or owner of a motor vehicle involved in any accident, and as to any automobile or motor vehicle liability insurance or bond carried by any operator or owner of any motor vehicle.

145F. Investigation and defense of claims.

(a) The board shall assign to insurers for investigation and defense, all default actions described in section 145N and all actions against the commissioner brought under section 145R.

(b) Any time after the receipt of notice of intention to make a claim as provided in section 145E, the board may also assign such of said claims as in the judgment of the board it is advisable to investigate, to insurers for the purpose of making such investigation. At any time after receipt of notice of the institution of any action against the operator or owner of a motor vehicle as provided in section 145E, the board may also assign such of said actions as in its judgment it is advisable to defend, to insurers for the purpose of conducting such defense.

(c) All assignments made under this section shall be made to insurers in proportion to their premium writings subject to assessment hereunder. Each insurer shall at its own expense (1) make such investigation as may be appropriate of any claim or action and (2) cause to be conducted on behalf of the fund the defense of any action assigned to it.

(d) After consultation with insurers the commissioner of insurance shall approve a reasonable plan for such equitable apportionment among such insurers of claims against operators and owners of motor vehicles, for investigations and defense, in accordance with this sub-title. When any such plan has been so approved all insurers shall subscribe thereto and participate therein.

145G. Defense of actions against motorists.

The insurer to whom any action has been assigned may through counsel enter an appearance on behalf of the defendant, file a defense, appear at the trial or take such other steps as it may deem ap-