

of the operator has not been established,—such cause shall be stated in the judgment and the plaintiff in such action may, within three months from the date of the entry of such judgment, make application for authority to bring an action upon said cause of action against the commissioner in the manner provided in section 145R.

145T. *Impleading commissioner in “hit-and-run” cases.*

When an action has been commenced in respect of the death or injury of any person arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of a motor vehicle in this state on or after June 1, 1959, the plaintiff shall be entitled to make the commissioner a party thereto if the provisions of section 145R or section 145S shall apply in any such case, and the plaintiff has made the application and the court has entered the order provided for in section 145R.

145U. *Defense of such actions by commissioner.*

In any action brought under section 145R or section 145S of this sub-title, the commissioner may appear by counsel for the insurer to whom such action has been assigned. He shall for all purposes of the action be deemed to be the defendant. He shall have available to him any and all defenses which would have been available to said operator or owner or both if the action had been brought against them or either of them and process upon them or either of them had been duly served within this state, but he shall be entitled to defend in all cases without disclosing to anyone his specific grounds for defense.

145V. *Settlement of actions against the commissioner.*

In any action brought against the commissioner pursuant to an order by the court entered in accordance with the provisions of section 145R the plaintiff may file a verified petition alleging that he has entered into an agreement with the board to settle all claims set forth in the complaint in said action and stating the amount proposed to be paid to him pursuant thereto. If the court be satisfied of the fairness of such proposed settlement, it may enter an order approving such settlement and enter a judgment against the commissioner for the amount so agreed to be paid thereunder.

145W. *Judgment against commissioner.*

When judgment is obtained against the commissioner in an action brought under this sub-title, the determination of all proceedings including appeals and reviews, the court shall make an order directing the treasurer to pay out of the fund to the plaintiff the amount thereof which does not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), exclusive of interest and costs, on account of injury to, or death of one person and, subject to such limit for the death of, or injury to, any one person, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00), exclusive of interest and costs, on account of the injury to, or death of, more than one person, in any one accident, provided that the applicable maximum amount or the amount of the judgment, whichever is smaller, shall be reduced by the total of amounts referred to in subsection (b) of section 145M.

145X. *Subrogation.* When judgment has been obtained against the commissioner in an action brought under this sub-title, the com-