

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to publish or print in any newspaper, magazine, periodical, circular letter, pamphlet, or in any other manner, or to publish by radio or television broadcasting in this State, any advertisement or other notice, either directly or indirectly setting forth the advantages of or soliciting business for any insurer, agent or other person who has not been authorized to transact insurance business in this State.

(2) No person shall accept for publication or printing in any newspaper, magazine or other periodical, or for radio or television broadcasting in this State, any advertisement or other notice, either directly or indirectly setting forth the advantages of or soliciting business for any insurer, agent or other person, unless the publisher holds a certificate to the effect that the insurer, agent, or other person named therein is authorized to transact insurance business in this State for the current license year. Such certificate shall be issued by the Commissioner without cost to any person applying therefor.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any manufacturer, jobber, wholesaler or retailer to distribute or to cause to be distributed any match books or other advertising matter, except newspapers and magazines of general circulation, directly or indirectly setting forth the advantage of or soliciting business for any insurer, agent or other person, who has not been authorized to transact insurance business in this State.

#### **202. Unauthorized Insurers Process Act; Title; Interpretation.**

(a) Sections 202 through 211 constitute and may be cited as the Unauthorized Insurers Process Act.

(b) This Act shall be so interpreted as to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law of those states which enact it.

#### **203. Purpose of Act.**

The purpose of this Act is to subject certain insurers to the jurisdiction of courts of this State in suits by or on behalf of insureds or beneficiaries under insurance contracts. The General Assembly declares that it is a subject of concern that many residents of this State hold policies of insurance issued or delivered in this State by insurers not authorized to do business in this State, thus presenting to such residents the often insuperable obstacle of resorting to distant forums for the purpose of asserting legal rights under such policies. In furtherance of such state interest, the General Assembly herein provides a method of substituted service of process upon such insurers and declares that in so doing it exercises its power to protect its residents and to define, for the purpose of this statute, what constitutes doing business in this State, and also exercises powers and privileges available to the State by virtue of Public Law 15, 79th Congress of the United States, Chapter 20, 1st Sess., S. 340, as amended, which declares that the business of insurance and every person engaged therein shall be subject to the laws of the several states.

#### **204. Acts of Insurer Which Constitute Appointment of Commissioner as Agent for Service.**

Any of the following acts in this State, effected by mail or otherwise, by an unauthorized foreign or alien insurer: (1) The issuance