

CHAPTER 654

(House Bill 995)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 115(b) of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Civil Liability," to change the manner of serving process upon the Secretary of State in suits against nonresident owners or operators of motor vehicles involved in accidents while using the highways of the State, and to provide certain fees for making service of process.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 115(b) of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Civil Liability," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and to read as follows:

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(b) Service of such persons shall be made by leaving a copy of the process with a fee of \$2.00 in the hands of the Secretary of State or in his office OR BY *sending a copy of the process by registered or certified mail, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED to the Secretary of State, for which the clerks of courts, justices of the peace, or trial magistrates shall collect a fee of one dollar to cover the cost of such mailing,* and such service shall be sufficient service upon the said nonresident individual, firm or corporation, and of full force and effect in any court and before any justice of the peace or trial magistrate of this State; provided that notice of such service and a copy of the declaration, cause of action or titling shall forthwith be sent by registered mail by the plaintiff or his attorney to the defendant and defendant's return receipt and the plaintiff's or his attorney's affidavit of compliance herewith shall be filed with the clerk of the court or before the justice of the peace or trial magistrate in which the said proceedings are pending.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1963.

Approved April 30, 1963.

CHAPTER 655

(House Bill 999)

AN ACT to add new Section 23(8) to Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Administration—Registration—Titling," to follow immediately after Section 23(7) thereof, creating an exemption to requirement for registration and titling provisions for trailers or semi-trailers when certain requirements are fulfilled.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 23(8) be and it is hereby added to Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Motor