

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "MOTOR VEHICLE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 11-135 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.

(3) "NONRESIDENT" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 11-139 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.

(4) "NONRESIDENT'S PRIVILEGE TO DRIVE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 11-140 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.

(B) BY EXERCISING A NONRESIDENT'S PRIVILEGE TO DRIVE A MOTOR VEHICLE IN THE STATE, A NONRESIDENT IRREVOCABLY APPOINTS THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION AS AGENT TO RECEIVE A SUBPOENA, A SUMMONS, OR OTHER PROCESS THAT IS:

(1) ISSUED IN AN ACTION THAT IS RELATED TO AN ACCIDENT OR COLLISION INVOLVING A MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVEN BY THE NONRESIDENT DRIVER AND IN WHICH THE NONRESIDENT DRIVER IS NAMED AS A PARTY; AND

(2) DIRECTED TO THE NONRESIDENT DRIVER.

(C) SERVICE OF PROCESS IS SUFFICIENT SERVICE ON A NONRESIDENT DRIVER IF:

(1) SERVICE IS MADE BY THE PERSONAL DELIVERY AND LEAVING OF A COPY OF THE PROCESS, WITH A CERTIFICATION OF THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE NONRESIDENT DRIVER, WITH THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION;

(2) A FEE FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS IS PAID TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION;

(3) THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION SENDS A COPY OF THE PROCESS BY CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, TO THE NONRESIDENT DRIVER AT THE NONRESIDENT DRIVER'S LAST KNOWN ADDRESS; AND

(4) THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION FILES AN AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION WITH THE CLERK OF THE COURT IN WHICH THE ACTION IS PENDING.