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## LEGISLATION — SERVICE OF PROCESS ON NONRESIDENT MOTORISTS

In 1935 the Legislature of West Virginia enacted a statute providing for substituted service of process on nonresidents in actions growing out of accidents or collisions in which they may be involved while operating motor vehicles on the highways of this state. Unfortunately, the original Senate bill containing this provision was consolidated with another and, when passed, appeared as section 15 of an act<sup>1</sup> the title of which reads:

“An Act to amend chapter seventeen of the Code of West Virginia one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, by adding thereto article twenty, relating to the protection of the public against reckless and irresponsible persons on public highways, the operation of motor vehicles on public highways and the financial responsibility of owners and operators of motor vehicles for damages caused by such operation and providing penalties.”

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<sup>1</sup> W. Va. Acts 1935, c. 61.