

House Bill No. 821

An act relating to service of process against the Florida Automobile Joint Underwriting Association; amending s. 627.311, F.S.; specifying that the Florida Automobile Joint Underwriting Association appoints its general manager as agent for service of process purposes; providing a limitation relating to method of service of process; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (6) is added to section 627.311, Florida Statutes, to read:

627.311 Joint underwriters and joint reinsurers.—

(6)(a) The Florida Automobile Joint Underwriting Association created under this section shall be deemed to have appointed its general manager as its agent to receive service of all legal process issued against the association in any civil action or proceeding in this state. Process so served shall be valid and binding upon the insurer.

(b) Service of process upon the association's general manager as the association's agent pursuant to such an appointment shall be the sole method of service of process upon the association.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 20, 2003.

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