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INSURANCE CODE - INS

DIVISION 5. INSURANCE ADJUSTERS [14000 - 16032] (*Division 5 added by Stats. 1980, Ch. 1190, Sec. 11.*)

CHAPTER 2. Public Insurance Adjusters Act [15000 - 15062] (*Chapter 2 added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1202, Sec. 1.*)

ARTICLE 6. Nonresidents [15044 - 15052] (*Article 6 added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1202, Sec. 1.*)

15044. As used in this article, "presiding officer" means the Executive Officer of the Office of Administrative Hearings.

(*Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1202, Sec. 1.*)

15045. The acceptance of a nonresident licensee of any of the rights and privileges conferred upon him or her by this chapter, as evidenced by his or her performance in this state, either personally or through an employee, of any act for which a licensee is required by this chapter, is equivalent to the appointment by that licensee of the presiding officer as his or her true and lawful attorney upon who may be served all lawful process and any disciplinary proceedings conducted upon him or her under this chapter.

(*Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1202, Sec. 1.*)

15046. The acceptance of such rights and privileges as evidenced by such act shall signify the agreement of the licensee that any such process which is served against him or her in the manner provided in this article shall be of the same legal force and validity as if serviced upon him or her personally in this state.

(*Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1202, Sec. 1.*)

15047. Service shall be made by leaving a copy of the accusation, together with notice of defense and statement to respondent as described in Section 11505 of the Government Code, with a fee of five dollars (\$5) for each licensee to be served, in the hands of the presiding officer or in his or her office in Sacramento. That service shall be sufficient service on the licensees subject to compliance with Section 15048.

(*Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1202, Sec. 1.*)

15048. A notice of that service and a copy of the accusation, together with the notice of defense and statement to respondent shall forthwith be sent by registered mail by the presiding officer to the licensee at his or her last known address as furnished by the commissioner. Personal service of the notice, copy of the accusation, notice of defense, and statement to respondent upon the licensee whenever found outside this state shall be the equivalent to those mailings.

(*Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1202, Sec. 1.*)

15049. Proof of compliance with Section 15048 shall be made in the event of service by mail by affidavit of the presiding officer or his or her authorized employee showing such service by mailing, together with the return receipt of the United States Post Office bearing the signature of the licensee or his or her agent. That affidavit or receipt shall be appended to the original accusation on file with the commissioner. In the event of personal service outside this state, such compliance may be proven by the return of any duly constituted public officer qualified to serve process in civil actions in the state or jurisdiction where the licensee is found, showing such service to have been made. Such return shall be appended to the original accusation on file with the commissioner.

(*Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1202, Sec. 1.*)

15050. The commissioner, or if the proceeding is heard before a hearing officer of the Office of Administrative Hearings, the hearing officer, may order those postponements or continuances and grant those extensions of time as may be necessary to afford the licensee reasonable opportunity to defend the proceedings. In no event shall the licensee have less than 30 days after the date of service of accusation in which to file a notice of defense, nor shall the notice of hearings provided for in Section 11509 of the Government Code or the notice and copy of affidavit referred to in Section 11514 of the Government Code be mailed or delivered

less than 20 days prior to the date of hearing, and the time for making a request to cross-examine under Section 11514 of the Government Code shall be not less than 15 days.

(Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1202, Sec. 1.)

15051. The presiding officer shall keep a record of all process served upon him or her pursuant to this article, which records shall show the day and hour of service.

(Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1202, Sec. 1.)

15052. As used in this article, "nonresident" means a person who is not a resident of this state at the time of the performance of the act referred to in Section 15045.

(Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1202, Sec. 1.)