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A bill to be entitled
 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 the Chief
 Financial Officer as agent for service of process
 purposes; requiring the association to file certain
 information with the Department of Financial Services;
 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 the Chief Financial Officer and his or her successors
 in office as its agent to receive service of all legal process
 issued against it in any civil action or proceeding in this
 state. Process so served shall be valid and binding upon the
 insurer.

(b) The association shall file with the Department of
 Financial Services a designation of the name and address of the
 person to whom process against it served upon the Chief
 Financial Officer is to be forwarded. The association may change
 the designation at any time by a new filing.



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29 (c) Service of process upon the Chief Financial Officer as
30 the association's agent pursuant to such an appointment shall be
31 the sole method of service of process upon the association.

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