

**80C.20 SERVICE OF PROCESS.**

Every applicant for registration under sections 80C.01 to 80C.22 and every franchisor on whose behalf an application for registration is filed, except applicants and franchisors which are Minnesota corporations, shall file with the commissioner, in such form as the commissioner may prescribe, an irrevocable consent appointing the commissioner and successors in office to be the applicant's or franchisor's attorney to receive service of any lawful process in any civil action against the applicant or franchisor or a successor, executor or administrator, which arises under sections 80C.01 to 80C.22 or any rule or order thereunder after the consent has been filed, with the same force and validity as if served personally on the applicant or franchisor or a successor, executor or administrator. Service under this section shall be made in compliance with section 45.028, subdivision 2.

When any person, including any nonresident of this state and any foreign corporation, engages in conduct prohibited or made actionable by sections 80C.01 to 80C.22, whether or not the person has filed a consent to service of process, and personal jurisdiction over the person cannot otherwise be obtained in this state, that conduct shall be considered equivalent to appointment of the commissioner and successors in office to be the person's agent to receive service of any lawful process in any suit against the person or a successor, executor or administrator which grows out of that conduct and which is brought under sections 80C.01 to 80C.22, with the same force and validity as if served personally. Service under this section shall be made in compliance with section 45.028, subdivision 2.

**History:** 1973 c 612 s 20; 1986 c 444; 1992 c 564 art 2 s 12