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ARTICLE 7.  
IMPLEMENTATION

(G) (1) PARTY JURISDICTIONS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONSULT FREQUENTLY WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND PLANS RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

(2) THIS COMPACT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS ENACTMENT INTO LAW BY LOCAL JURISDICTIONS.

(3) ANY PARTY JURISDICTION MAY WITHDRAW FROM THIS COMPACT BY ENACTING A REPEAL OF THE SAME BUT NO SUCH WITHDRAWAL SHALL TAKE EFFECT UNTIL 30 DAYS AFTER THE SENIOR ELECTED OFFICIAL OF THE WITHDRAWING JURISDICTION HAS GIVEN NOTICE IN WRITING OF SUCH WITHDRAWAL TO THE SENIOR ELECTED OFFICIALS OF ALL PARTY JURISDICTIONS.

(4) WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COMPACT SHALL NOT RELIEVE THE WITHDRAWING JURISDICTION FROM OBLIGATIONS ASSUMED ~~HEREUNDER~~ UNDER ARTICLE 4 OR ARTICLE 6 OF THIS COMPACT PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF WITHDRAWAL.

(5) AUTHENTICATED COPIES OF THIS COMPACT AND OF SUCH SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENTS AS MAY BE ENTERED INTO SHALL AT THE TIME OF THEIR APPROVAL BE RETAINED BY EACH PARTY JURISDICTION AND WITH THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY.

ARTICLE 8.  
VALIDITY

(H) (1) THIS COMPACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES STATED IN ARTICLE 1 HEREOF.

(2) IF ANY PART OR PROVISION OF THIS COMPACT OR THE APPLICATION THEREOF TO ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE IS HELD INVALID FOR ANY REASON IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, THE INVALIDITY DOES NOT AFFECT OTHER PROVISIONS OR ANY OTHER APPLICATION OF THIS COMPACT WHICH CAN BE GIVEN EFFECT WITHOUT THE INVALID PROVISION OR APPLICATION, AND FOR THIS PURPOSE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT ARE DECLARED SEVERABLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the jurisdictions eligible to enter into the Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact should adopt the Compact by June 1, 2003.

~~SECTION 2.~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~July~~ June 1, 2002.

May 16, 2002

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.