

viding for the appointment of the Maryland members of said Commission, and providing an appropriation to said Commission.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That six new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 39 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Fish and Fisheries", to be under a new sub-title to be known as "Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission", said new sections to be known as Sections 26A to 26F, inclusive, to follow immediately after Section 26 of said Article, and to read as follows:

26A. The Governor is hereby authorized and directed to execute a compact on behalf of the State of Maryland with any one or more of the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Massachusetts and Florida and with such other states as may enter into the compact, legally joining in the form substantially as follows:

ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMPACT

The Contracting States solemnly agree:

ARTICLE I

The purpose of this compact is to promote the better utilization of the fisheries, marine, shell and anadromous, of the Atlantic seaboard by the development of a joint program for the promotion and protection of the fishing industry, and by the prevention of the physical waste of the fisheries from any cause.

ARTICLE II

This agreement shall become effective as to those States ratifying it whenever any two of the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida have ratified it and Congress has given its consent. Any State contiguous with any of the aforementioned States and riparian upon waters frequented by anadromous fish, flowing into waters under the jurisdiction of any of the aforementioned States, may become a party hereto as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE III

Each State joining herein shall appoint three representatives to a Commission hereby constituted and designated as the