

wealth of Virginia and the State of Maryland is to halt the depletion of fin fish and crabs in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries in Virginia and Maryland including the Potomac River, and oysters in the Potomac River, and to increase the abundance of said fish, crabs and oysters in the best interests of the people of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of Maryland, now, therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That fifteen (15) new Articles be and they are hereby added to the Compact of 1785 made between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of Maryland, said Articles to follow immediately after Article 13 of said Compact, and to be numbered Article 14 through Article 28, both inclusive, to read as follows:

14. There is hereby created a Commission to be known as the Maryland-Virginia Chesapeake-Potomac Authority. Said Commission shall consist of seven (7) members, two of whom shall be appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia and two of whom shall be appointed by the Governor of Maryland. Permanent members ex-officio, shall be the Chairman of the Tidewater Fisheries Commission of Maryland and the Commissioner of Fisheries of Virginia, or the holder, from time to time, of a comparable office in each State having respectively the substantial powers and functions of the Chairman of the Tidewater Fisheries Commission of Maryland and the Commissioner of Fisheries of Virginia, as determined respectively by the Governors of Maryland and Virginia; the seventh member of the Commission shall be appointed by the Governors of the two States jointly. If the Governors shall be unable to agree upon the selection of the seventh member, the President of the United States, upon the request of the said Governors, shall make the appointment of the seventh member.

15. (Tenure of Commissioners.) The terms of the members of the Commission, other than those holding office ex officio, shall be as follows: The member appointed jointly by the Governors of the two States (or by the President of the United States, as the case may be) shall be appointed for a term of five (5) years. One of the members from the State first ratifying these Articles adding to said Compact of 1785 shall be originally appointed by the Governor of his State for a term of one year, and the other such member from said State for a term of three years. One of the members from the State last ratifying said Articles shall be originally appointed by the Governor of his State for a