

ervation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 30, 1963.

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CHAPTER 680  
(House Bill 555)

AN ACT to add new Sections 319-332 to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1962 Supplement), title "Governor-Executive and Administrative Departments," to follow immediately after Section 318 thereof and to be under the new subtitle "28-Southern Interstate Nuclear Compact," providing for the entry of the State of Maryland into the Southern Interstate Nuclear Compact; providing for the designation of Maryland's member on the Board created thereby and for budgetary and supplementary agreement procedures; authorizing state and subdivision departments, agencies, and officers to co-operate with the Board.

WHEREAS, The United States Atomic Energy Commission is authorized under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, to enter into agreements with the Governor of any State providing for the discontinuance of the said Atomic Energy Commission's regulatory and licensing powers and responsibilities, within the State, in the use of isotopes and allied radioactive materials in quantities not sufficient to form a critical mass; and,

WHEREAS, The Governor of the State of Maryland has been authorized, by Section 689 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1962 Supplement) to enter into such agreements with the Federal Government and the assumption thereof by this State; and,

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland has heretofore enacted the "Radiation Protection Act," the same being Sections 675 to ~~678~~ 688 inclusive of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1962 Supplement), whereby the Maryland State Board of Health is empowered to make regulations in the field of ionizing radiations and their sources and whereby there has been established the Radiation Control Advisory Board to review the policies and program of the State Board of Health with respect to radiation; and,

WHEREAS, The consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States was granted to the Southern Interstate Nuclear Compact by Public Law 87-563, approved by the President of the United States on July 31, 1962, and said law declares it to be the national policy to encourage and recognize the performance of functions by the States with respect to the peaceful use of nuclear energy and declares the importance of the interstate compact as a means for promoting cooperation among the States as well as between the Federal Government and the States; now therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 319-332 be and they are hereby added to Article