

*ments shall be at the pleasure of the Legislative Council. The Council also shall appoint a chairman and a vice-chairman of the Commission to serve at the pleasure of the Council.*

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It shall be the function of this Commission :

[(1)] (a) To carry forward the participation of this State as a member of the Council of State Governments[.], and from time to time to appoint the Maryland representative on the governing body of the Council of State Governments.

[(2)] (b) To encourage and assist the legislative, executive, administrative and judicial officials and employees of this State to develop and maintain friendly contact by correspondence, by conference, and otherwise, with officials and employees of the other states, of the federal government, and of local units of government.

(c) To foster, support, and maintain contacts and liaison with agencies and representatives of the Federal government, concerning Federal programs and activities, and to circulate information and data thus obtained among the several agencies of the State and of its political subdivisions; and for these purposes, the Commission may set up and maintain offices and staff personnel as necessary and as provided in the budget from time to time.

[(3)] (d) To endeavor to advance cooperation between this State and other units of government whenever it seems advisable to do so by formulating proposals for, and by facilitating :

[(a)] (1) The adoption of compacts,

[(b)] (2) The enactment of uniform or reciprocal statutes,

[(c)] (3) The adoption of uniform or reciprocal administrative rules or regulations,

[(d)] (4) The informal cooperation of governmental offices with one another,

[(e)] (5) The personal cooperation of governmental officials and employees with one another, individually,

[(f)] (6) The interchange and clearance of research and information, and

[(g)] (7) Any other suitable process.

[(4)] (e) In short, to do all such acts as will, in the opinion of this Commission, enable this State to do its part—or more than its part—in forming a more perfect union among the various governments in the United States and in developing the Council of State Governments for this purpose.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.*

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