

plement), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "The Department of Natural Resources," to follow immediately after Section 239 thereof and to be under the new sub-heading "Interstate Environmental ENVIRONMENT Compact," and to read as follows:

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*(a) Preamble.*

*Whereas, the concern for the purity and life-giving qualities of our environment is of primary concern to every citizen of Maryland and to all Americans; and*

*Whereas, the quality of our environment depends upon the management of the air, water and land resources upon which our lives depend; and*

*Whereas, the ultimate responsibility for the health, safety and welfare of the people of Maryland rests upon the State Government; and*

*Whereas, the General Assembly recognizes that ecological systems cross state boundaries; and*

*Whereas, the discharge of this responsibility can be effectively enhanced by acting in concert and cooperation with other states and the National Government; NOW, Therefore, the parties signatory hereby do mutually agree and covenant with each other as follows:*

*(b) ARTICLE 1. Findings, Purposes and Reservations of Power.*

*(1) Findings. The legislative bodies of the respective signatories hereby find and declare:*

*(a) The environment of every state is affected with local, state, regional and national interests and its protection, under appropriate arrangements for intergovernmental cooperation, are public purposes of the respective signatories.*

*(b) Certain environmental pollution problems transcend state boundaries and thereby become common to adjacent states requiring cooperative efforts.*

*(c) The environment of each state is subject to the effective control of the signatories, and coordinated, cooperative or joint exercise of control measures is in their common interests.*

*(2) Purposes. The purposes of the signatories in enacting this compact are:*

*(a) To assist and participate in the national environment protection programs as set forth in federal legislation; to promote intergovernmental cooperation for multistate action relating to environmental protection through interstate agreements; and to encourage cooperative and coordinated environmental protection by the signatories and the Federal Government;*

*(b) To preserve and utilize the functions, powers and duties of existing state agencies of government to the maximum extent possible consistent with the purposes of the compact.*