

STATE.

ARTICLE X

CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY

THIS COMPACT SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED SO AS TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES THEREOF. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT SHALL BE SEVERABLE AND IF ANY PHRASE, CLAUSE, SENTENCE OR PROVISION OF THIS COMPACT IS DECLARED TO BE CONTRARY TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ANY STATE OR OF THE UNITED STATES OR THE APPLICABILITY THEREOF TO ANY GOVERNMENT, AGENCY, PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE IS HELD INVALID, THE VALIDITY OF THE REMAINDER OF THIS COMPACT AND THE APPLICABILITY THEREOF TO ANY GOVERNMENT, AGENCY, PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE SHALL NOT BE AFFECTED THEREBY. IF THIS COMPACT SHALL BE HELD CONTRARY TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ANY STATE PARTICIPATING HEREIN, THE COMPACT SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AS TO THE REMAINING PARTY STATES AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AS TO THE STATE AFFECTED AS TO ALL SEVERABLE MATTERS.

7-702. MINING COUNCIL

(A) THE "MINING COUNCIL", HEREINAFTER CALLED "THE COUNCIL", IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED IN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR. THE COUNCIL SHALL BE THE ADVISORY BODY REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE V(A) OF THE INTERSTATE MINING COMPACT. NO MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL SHALL RECEIVE ANY COMPENSATION ON ACCOUNT OF HIS SERVICE THEREON, BUT ANY SUCH MEMBER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES ACTUALLY INCURRED BY HIM IN CONNECTION WITH HIS SERVICE AS THE GOVERNOR'S ALTERNATE ON THE INTERSTATE MINING COMMISSION, OR IN ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL.

(B) THE COUNCIL SHALL BE COMPOSED OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, AND SIX APPOINTED MEMBERS AT LEAST TWO OF WHOM SHALL BE REPRESENTATIVE OF MINING INDUSTRIES AND AT LEAST TWO OF WHOM SHALL BE PUBLIC MEMBERS APPOINTED WHO HAVE A DEMONSTRATED AND CONTINUING INTEREST IN CONSERVATION MATTERS.

(C) THE GOVERNOR, WITH THE ADVICE OF THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, SHALL APPOINT THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. THE TERMS OF THE APPOINTIVE MEMBERS SHALL BE FOUR YEARS. TWO MEMBERS OF THE FIRST COUNCIL SHALL SERVE FOR TWO, TWO FOR THREE, AND TWO