

PROVISION OF THIS COMPACT, OR A SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT IS DECLARED TO BE CONTRARY TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ANY SIGNATORY OR OF THE UNITED STATES OR IS HELD INVALID, THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE REMAINDER OF THIS COMPACT OR OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT AND THE APPLICABILITY THEREOF TO ANY PARTICIPATING JURISDICTION, AGENCY, PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE SHALL NOT BE AFFECTED THEREBY AND SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AS TO THE REMAINING PARTICIPATING JURISDICTION AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AS TO THE SIGNATORY AFFECTED AS TO ALL SEVERABLE MATTERS. IT IS THE INTENT OF THE SIGNATORIES THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT SHALL BE REASONABLY AND LIBERALLY CONSTRUED IN THE CONTEXT OF ITS PURPOSES.

(V) AMENDMENTS. AMENDMENTS TO THIS COMPACT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE WHEN APPROVED BY CONGRESS AND MAY BE ADOPTED BY ANY SIGNATORY.

(W) EFFECTIVE DATE. THIS COMPACT SHALL BECOME BINDING ON A STATE WHEN ENACTED BY IT INTO LAW AND SUCH STATE SHALL THEREAFTER BE A SIGNATORY.

(X) WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COMPACT. A SIGNATORY MAY WITHDRAW FROM THIS COMPACT BY LEGISLATIVE ACT. WITHDRAWAL SHALL BE EFFECTIVE ONE YEAR AFTER WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF WITHDRAWAL TO ALL SIGNATORIES: PROVIDED, WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COMPACT SHALL NOT AFFECT SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT OBLIGATIONS OF SIGNATORIES EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BY THE TERMS OF SUCH SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENTS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Chapter 660, Acts of 1972. The compact is designated to appear as new section 240 of Article 41 of the Code.

The new law provides for a compact among Maryland, and any states and the federal government to promote generally intergovernmental cooperation and protection of the environment.

The language of the compact is not revised in any way since it is an interstate compact involving other states and the federal government. The misspelling of the word "recognition" in paragraph (I) of Article 4 of the compact is corrected. Presumably, the compact as ratified by