

THIS COMPACT SHALL BE OPEN TO JOINDER BY ANY STATE, TERRITORY OR POSSESSION OF THE UNITED STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, AND WITH THE CONSENT OF CONGRESS, THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA OR ANY PROVINCE THEREOF. IT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH JURISDICTION WHEN SUCH JURISDICTION HAS ENACTED THE SAME INTO LAW. WITHDRAWAL FROM THIS COMPACT SHALL BE BY THE ENACTMENT OF A STATUTE REPEALING THE SAME, BUT SHALL NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL TWO YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUCH STATUTE AND UNTIL WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE WITHDRAWAL HAS BEEN GIVEN BY THE WITHDRAWING STATE TO THE GOVERNOR OF EACH OTHER PARTY JURISDICTION. WITHDRAWAL OF A PARTY STATE SHALL NOT AFFECT THE RIGHTS, DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS COMPACT OF ANY SENDING AGENCY THEREIN WITH RESPECT TO A PLACEMENT MADE PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF WITHDRAWAL.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as Article 16, § 212E.

No changes are made.

Defined terms: "Placement" § 5-603
"Sending agency" § 5-603

5-611. LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION; SEVERABILITY.

THE PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED 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 PARTY 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 PARTY THERETO, THE COMPACT SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AS TO THE REMAINING STATES AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AS TO THE STATE AFFECTED AS TO ALL SEVERABLE MATTERS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as Article 16, § 212F.

No changes are made.

GENERAL REVISOR'S NOTE:

It is the usual practice of the Commission to Revise the Annotated Code to make few, if any, changes in an interstate compact. However, the terms of § 5-601 of this subtitle only require that the compact be "in the form substantially as follows". Also, minor structural changes, such as the deletion of article designations, were made in the original enactment of the compact by the General Assembly. In enacting the compact as Ch. 266, Acts of 1975, the General Assembly corrected by amendment an erroneous cross-reference in the bill as introduced.