

2. ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE WHO SHALL WILLFULLY VIOLATE ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL FORFEIT HIS OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT.

3. ANY CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT KNOWINGLY MADE IN CONTRAVENTION OF THIS SECTION IS VOID.

4. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE SUBJECT, IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, TO SUCH CRIMINAL AND CIVIL SANCTIONS FOR MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE AS MAY BE IMPOSED BY FEDERAL LAW AND THE LAW OF THE SIGNATORY STATE IN WHICH SUCH MISCONDUCT OCCURS.

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ARTICLE V.
ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY INTO EFFECT,
CONGRESSIONAL CONSENT, WITHDRAWAL

A. ONLY THE STATES OF PENNSYLVANIA, WEST VIRGINIA, DELAWARE, AND MARYLAND ARE ELIGIBLE TO BECOME PARTIES TO THIS COMPACT.

B. AN ELIGIBLE STATE MAY BECOME A PARTY STATE BY LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENT OF THIS COMPACT OR BY EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR ADOPTING THIS COMPACT; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, A STATE BECOMING A PARTY STATE BY EXECUTIVE ORDER SHALL CEASE TO BE A PARTY STATE UPON ADJOURNMENT OF THE FIRST GENERAL SESSION OF ITS LEGISLATURE CONVENED THEREAFTER, UNLESS THE LEGISLATURE SHALL HAVE ENACTED THIS COMPACT BEFORE SUCH ADJOURNMENT.

C. THIS COMPACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT WHEN IT HAS BEEN ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURES OF PENNSYLVANIA AND ONE OR MORE ELIGIBLE STATES. HOWEVER, ARTICLE IV B AND C SHALL NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL CONGRESS HAS CONSENTED TO THIS COMPACT. EVERY FIFTH YEAR AFTER SUCH CONSENT HAS BEEN GIVEN, CONGRESS MAY WITHDRAW CONSENT.

D. A PARTY STATE MAY WITHDRAW FROM THE COMPACT BY REPEALING THE ENACTMENT OF THIS COMPACT, BUT NO SUCH WITHDRAWAL SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL TWO YEARS AFTER ENACTMENT OF THE REPEALING LEGISLATION. IF THE WITHDRAWING STATE IS A HOST STATE, ANY REGIONAL FACILITY IN THAT STATE SHALL REMAIN AVAILABLE TO RECEIVE LOW-LEVEL WASTE GENERATED WITHIN THE REGION UNTIL FIVE YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE WITHDRAWAL.

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ARTICLE VI.
CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY

A. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT SHALL BE BROADLY CONSTRUED TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE COMPACT, BUT THE SOVEREIGN POWERS OF A PARTY STATE SHALL NOT UNNECESSARILY BE INFRINGED.