

HEREINAFTER DEFINED. AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND ENTERS INTO AN AGREEMENT UNDER THIS ARTICLE, THE GOVERNOR SHALL SUBMIT THE AGREEMENT TO THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE FOR ITS REVIEW AND COMMENT.

ARTICLE IX

1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED HEREIN, THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE LIABLE FOR ITS CONTRACTS AND FOR ITS TORTS AND THOSE OF ITS DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS. FOR TORT ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF CONDUCT OCCURRING IN MARYLAND, MARYLAND TORT AND SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY LAW SHALL APPLY. THE EXCLUSIVE REMEDY FOR SUCH BREACH OF CONTRACTS AND TORTS FOR WHICH THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE LIABLE, AS HEREIN PROVIDED, SHALL BE BY SUIT AGAINST THE AUTHORITY. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS ACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS A WAIVER BY MARYLAND OR VIRGINIA OF ANY IMMUNITY FROM SUIT.

2. THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURTS SHALL HAVE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION, CONCURRENT WITH THE COURTS OF VIRGINIA AND MARYLAND, OF ALL ACTIONS BROUGHT BY OR AGAINST THE AUTHORITY. ANY SUCH ACTION INITIATED IN A STATE COURT SHALL BE REMOVABLE TO THE APPROPRIATE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT IN THE MANNER PROVIDED BY ACT OF JUNE 25, 1948, AS AMENDED (28 U.S.C. 1446).

ARTICLE ~~IX~~ X

1. IF ANY PART OR PROVISION OF THIS COMPACT OR THE APPLICATION THEREOF TO ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE IS ADJUDGED INVALID BY ANY COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, THE JUDGMENT SHALL BE CONFINED IN ITS OPERATION TO THE PART, PROVISION, OR APPLICATION DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE CONTROVERSY IN WHICH SUCH JUDGEMENT SHALL HAVE BEEN RENDERED AND SHALL NOT AFFECT OR IMPAIR THE VALIDITY OF THE REMAINDER OF THIS COMPACT OR THE APPLICATION THEREOF TO OTHER PERSONS OR CIRCUMSTANCES, AND THE SIGNATORIES HEREBY DECLARE THAT THEY WOULD HAVE ENTERED INTO THIS COMPACT OR THE REMAINDER THEREOF HAD THE INVALIDITY OF SUCH PROVISION OR APPLICATION THEREOF BEEN APPARENT.

2. ~~IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF INTERSTATE COMPACTS,~~ THIS COMPACT SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH IT IS CREATED.