

B. (1) THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL INCLUDE, BUT SHALL NOT BE LIMITED TO, AN ETHICS CODE, PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION, ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, AND OPEN MEETINGS, AND SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH SIMILAR PRACTICES CURRENTLY ADOPTED IN MARYLAND, VIRGINIA, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

(2) THE AUTHORITY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS AFTER PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT THE REGULATIONS PUBLISHED IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA AND AFTER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

(3) THE AUTHORITY SHALL ALSO PUBLISH A NOTICE TO ADOPT THE REGULATIONS IN THE MARYLAND REGISTER.

[15. a. Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter I, the Authority shall be subject to Maryland laws pertaining to governmental procedures, including, but not limited to, the Administrative Procedure Act, the Open Meetings Law, and the Maryland Public Information Act.

b. The Authority shall adopt an ethics code, including, but not limited to, provisions governing conflict of interest, employment practices, financial disclosure, and acceptance of gifts which shall be substantially the same as that provided under the Maryland Public Ethics Law.]

Article [IV] V

Nothing in this compact shall be construed to amend, alter, or in any way affect the power of the signatories and their political subdivisions to levy and collect taxes on property or income or upon the sale of any material, equipment, or supplies or to levy, assess, and collect franchise or other similar taxes or fees for the licensing of vehicles and the operation thereof.

Article [V] VI

This compact shall be adopted by the signatories in the manner provided by law. This compact shall become effective [90 days after its adoption by the signatories] AFTER THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HAVE ~~PASSED~~ ADOPTED ACTS SIMILAR IN SUBSTANCE TO THIS ACT.

Article [VI] VII

1. Any signatory may withdraw from the compact upon one year's written notice to that effect to the other signatories. In the event of a withdrawal of one of the signatories from the compact, the compact shall be terminated; provided, however, that no revenue bonds, notes, or other evidence of obligation issued pursuant to Chapter II, Article VI or any other financial obligations of the Authority remain outstanding and that the withdrawing signatory has made a full accounting of its financial obligations, if any, to the other [signatory] SIGNATORIES.