

ARTICLE X. ENTRY INTO FORCE, WITHDRAWAL, AND AMENDMENT.

13.

(A) THIS COMPACT SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE AND BECOME EFFECTIVE AS TO ANY STATE WHEN IT HAS BEEN ENACTED INTO THE LAWS OF THAT STATE. ANY PARTY STATE MAY WITHDRAW FROM THIS COMPACT BY ENACTING A STATUTE REPEALING THIS COMPACT, BUT NO SUCH WITHDRAWAL MAY TAKE EFFECT UNTIL 6 MONTHS AFTER THE WITHDRAWING STATE HAS GIVEN NOTICE OF THE WITHDRAWAL TO THE EXECUTIVE HEADS OF ALL OTHER PARTY STATES.

(B) NO WITHDRAWAL MAY AFFECT THE VALIDITY OR APPLICABILITY OF STATE NURSE LICENSING BOARDS REMAINING PARTY TO THIS COMPACT IN REPORTING AN ADVERSE ACTION THAT OCCURS PRIOR TO THE WITHDRAWAL.

(C) NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS COMPACT MAY BE CONSTRUED TO INVALIDATE OR PREVENT ANY NURSE LICENSING AGREEMENT OR OTHER COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN A PARTY STATE AND A NONPARTY STATE THAT IS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT.

(D) THIS COMPACT MAY BE AMENDED BY THE PARTY STATES. NO AMENDMENT TO THIS COMPACT MAY BE EFFECTIVE UNTIL IT IS ENACTED INTO THE LAWS OF ALL PARTY STATES.

ARTICLE XI. CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY.

14.

(A) THIS COMPACT SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED SO AS TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE COMPACT. 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 THE UNITED STATES OR OF THE PARTY 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 MAY NOT BE AFFECTED THEREBY. IF THIS COMPACT IS HELD TO BE CONTRARY TO THE CONSTITUTION OF A PARTY STATE, THIS COMPACT SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AS TO THE REMAINING PARTY STATES, AND TO THE PARTY STATE AFFECTED AS TO ALL SEVERABLE MATTERS.

(B) IN THE EVENT THAT PARTY STATES FIND A NEED FOR SETTLING DISPUTES ARISING UNDER THIS COMPACT:

(1) THE PARTY STATES MAY SUBMIT THE ISSUES IN DISPUTE TO AN ARBITRATION PANEL WHICH SHALL BE COMPRISED OF AN INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED BY THE COMPACT ADMINISTRATOR IN THE HOME STATE, AN INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED BY THE COMPACT ADMINISTRATOR IN THE REMOTE STATE OR STATES INVOLVED IN THE DISPUTE, AND AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS CHOSEN BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF ALL OF THE PARTY STATES INVOLVED IN THE DISPUTE; AND