

Section 3-501 and the subtitle "Subtitle 5. Interstate Environment Compact"  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Natural Resources**

**[Subtitle 5. Interstate Environment Compact.]**

**[3-501.**

**INTERSTATE ENVIRONMENT COMPACT**

**Article 1**

**Findings, Purposes, and Reservations of Power**

(a) Signatory states hereby find and declare:

(1) Unabated pollution of our environment threatens the general welfare of the nation and its citizens.

(2) The condition of our environment, and the enhancement of that environment, is a matter of national, regional, state, and local concern.

(3) The solution to environmental problems which transcend state boundaries, requires cooperation among adjoining jurisdictions.

(4) Efforts to obtain a quality environment must be better coordinated, intensified, and made more effective at all levels of government.

(5) It is in the common interest of all jurisdictions to act cooperatively to resolve their mutual environmental problems.

(b) The purposes of the signatories in enacting this compact are:

(1) To assist and participate in the national environment protection programs as set forth in federal legislation; to promote intergovernmental cooperation for multistate action relating to environmental protection through interstate agreements; and to encourage cooperative and coordinated environmental protection by the signatories and the federal government;

(2) To preserve and utilize the functions, powers, and duties of existing state agencies of government to the maximum extent possible consistent with the purposes of the compact.

(c) (1) Nothing contained in this compact shall impair, affect, or extend the constitutional authority of the United States.