

(2) ALL COMPACTING STATES' LAWS OTHER THAN STATE CONSTITUTIONS AND OTHER INTERSTATE COMPACTS CONFLICTING WITH THIS COMPACT ARE SUPERSEDED TO THE EXTENT OF THE CONFLICT.

(B) (1) ALL LAWFUL ACTIONS OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION, INCLUDING ALL RULES AND BYLAWS PROMULGATED BY THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION, ARE BINDING UPON THE COMPACTING STATES.

(2) ALL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION AND THE COMPACTING STATES ARE BINDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR TERMS.

(3) UPON THE REQUEST OF A PARTY TO A CONFLICT OVER MEANING OR INTERPRETATION OF INTERSTATE COMMISSION ACTIONS, AND UPON A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COMPACTING STATES, THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION MAY ISSUE ADVISORY OPINIONS REGARDING SUCH MEANING OR INTERPRETATION.

(4) IN THE EVENT ANY PROVISION OF THIS COMPACT EXCEEDS THE CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITS IMPOSED ON THE LEGISLATURE OF ANY COMPACTING STATE, THE OBLIGATIONS, DUTIES, POWERS, OR JURISDICTION SOUGHT TO BE CONFERRED BY SUCH PROVISION UPON THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL BE INEFFECTIVE AND SUCH OBLIGATIONS, DUTIES, POWERS, OR JURISDICTION SHALL REMAIN IN THE COMPACTING STATE AND SHALL BE EXERCISED BY THE AGENCY THEREOF TO WHICH SUCH OBLIGATIONS, DUTIES, POWERS, OR JURISDICTION ARE DELEGATED BY LAW IN EFFECT AT THE TIME THIS COMPACT BECOMES EFFECTIVE.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not take effect until the later of July 1, 2008, or upon enactment of a similar Act by no less than 35 of the states; that no less than 35 states are requested to concur in this Act of the General Assembly of Maryland by the passage of a similar Act; that the Department of Legislative Services shall notify the appropriate officials of the passage of this Act; and that upon concurrence in this Act by no less than 35 states and approval by the United States Congress, the Governor of the State of Maryland shall issue a proclamation declaring this Act valid and effective and shall forward a copy of the proclamation to the Director of the Department of Legislative Services.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, May 17, 2007.