

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OR, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION, IN THE FEDERAL DISTRICT WHERE THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION HAS ITS OFFICES TO ENFORCE COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE COMPACT, ITS DULY PROMULGATED RULES, AND BYLAWS, AGAINST ANY COMPACTING STATE IN DEFAULT. IN THE EVENT JUDICIAL ENFORCEMENT IS NECESSARY, THE PREVAILING PARTY SHALL BE AWARDED ALL COSTS OF SUCH LITIGATION INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS FEES.

(D) (1) THE COMPACT DISSOLVES EFFECTIVE UPON THE DATE OF THE WITHDRAWAL OR DEFAULT OF THE COMPACTING STATE WHICH REDUCES MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMPACT TO ONE COMPACTING STATE.

(2) UPON DISSOLUTION OF THE COMPACT, THE COMPACT BECOMES NULL AND VOID AND SHALL BE OF NO FURTHER FORCE OR EFFECT, AND THE BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL BE WOUND UP AND ANY SURPLUS FUNDS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BYLAWS.

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ARTICLE XIII. SEVERABILITY AND CONSTRUCTION.

(A) THE PROVISION OF THIS COMPACT SHALL BE SEVERABLE, AND IF ANY PHRASE, CLAUSE, SENTENCE, OR PROVISION IS DEEMED UNENFORCEABLE, THE REMAINING PROVISION OF THE COMPACT SHALL BE ENFORCEABLE.

(B) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUCTED TO EFFECTUATE ITS PURPOSES.

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ARTICLE XIV. BINDING EFFECT OF COMPACT AND OTHER LAWS.

(A) (1) NOTHING IN THIS SUBTITLE PREVENTS THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANY OTHER LAW OF A COMPACTING STATE THAT IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE COMPACT.

(2) ALL COMPACTING STATES' LAWS CONFLICTING WITH THIS COMPACT ARE SUPERSEDED TO THE EXTENT OF THE CONFLICT.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 ACTION, AND UPON A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COMPACTING STATES, THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION MAY ISSUE ADVISORY OPINIONS REGARDING SUCH MEANING OR INTERPRETATION.