

HOUSE BILL 711

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By: **Joint Committee on Federal Relations (By Request)**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2022

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Potomac River Compact – Clarification of the Effectiveness of Amendments**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying that the State considers certain amendments to the Potomac
4 River Compact to be in effect; and generally relating to the Potomac River Compact.

5 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
6 That:

7 (a) The State of Maryland considers the amendments to Article I Section 5, Article
8 III Section 9, and Article V Section 2 of the Potomac River Compact made by Chapter 144
9 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007 and Chapters 234 and 235 of the Acts of the
10 General Assembly of 2013 to be in effect because the Commonwealth of Virginia enacted
11 identical amendments to the compact in Virginia Chapter 885 of 2007 and Chapters 635
12 and 688 of 2013.

13 (b) The State of Maryland considers the amendments to Article I Section 5, Article
14 III Section 9, and Article V Section 2 of the Potomac River Compact made by Chapter 144
15 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007 and Chapters 234 and 235 of the Acts of the
16 General Assembly of 2013 to be in effect notwithstanding the inclusion of additional
17 amendments to the compact in Virginia Chapter 885 of 2007 and Chapter 635 of 2013 that
18 have not been enacted by Maryland.

19 (c) The State of Maryland considers the enactment of Virginia Chapter 885 of
20 2007 and Chapters 635 and 688 of 2013 to have fulfilled the requirements in Section 3 of
21 Chapter 144 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007 and Chapters 234 and 235 of the
22 Acts of the General Assembly of 2013 that the Commonwealth of Virginia enact “a similar
23 Act” before Chapter 144 and Chapters 234 and 235 may take effect.

24 (d) The Department of Legislative Services shall notify the appropriate officials
25 of the Commonwealth of Virginia of the enactment of this Act.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
2 1, 2022.