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By: **Chairman, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee**  
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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government - International and Interstate Compacts and Agreements**  
 3 **- Filing and Publication**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that certain international and interstate compacts and  
 5 agreements be filed with the Division of State Documents in the Office of the  
 6 Secretary of State; requiring the Division of State Documents to publish certain  
 7 compacts and agreements in the Maryland Register; authorizing the Division of  
 8 State Documents to deliver certain compacts or agreements to the State  
 9 Archives; and generally relating to international and interstate compacts and  
 10 agreements.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 12 Article - State Government  
 13 Section 7-104  
 14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 15 (2004 Replacement Volume)

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

18 **Article - State Government**

19 7-104.

20 (a) This section does not apply to an agreement for the care, treatment, or  
 21 supervision of 1 individual.

1 (b) [The individual who, for the State, enters into an interstate compact or  
2 any other interstate agreement of general application, including an amendment to the  
3 agreement, shall deliver the original or a copy of the agreement to the Office of the  
4 Secretary of State.] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A  
5 UNIT THAT ENTERS INTO AN INTERNATIONAL OR INTERSTATE COMPACT OR OTHER  
6 INTERNATIONAL OR INTERSTATE AGREEMENT OF GENERAL APPLICATION,  
7 INCLUDING AN AMENDMENT TO A COMPACT OR AGREEMENT, ON BEHALF OF THE  
8 STATE, SHALL FILE A COPY OF THE COMPACT OR AGREEMENT WITH THE DIVISION  
9 OF STATE DOCUMENTS IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

10 (C) A UNIT NEED NOT FILE A COPY OF A COMPACT OR AGREEMENT UNDER  
11 THIS SECTION IF THE COMPACT OR AGREEMENT IS PART OF THE ANNOTATED CODE  
12 OF MARYLAND.

13 [(c)] (D) The DIVISION OF STATE DOCUMENTS IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
14 Secretary of State shall:

15 (1) keep an agreement OR COMPACT delivered under this section:

16 [(1)] (I) until any limit that is set for the agreement OR COMPACT to  
17 become effective expires; and

18 [(2)] (II) if the agreement OR COMPACT becomes effective, until it is  
19 abrogated; AND

20 (2) PUBLISH THE AGREEMENT OR COMPACT IN THE MARYLAND  
21 REGISTER.

22 (E) AFTER KEEPING THE AGREEMENT OR COMPACT FOR THE TIME REQUIRED  
23 UNDER THIS SECTION, THE DIVISION OF STATE DOCUMENTS MAY DELIVER THE  
24 AGREEMENT OR COMPACT TO THE STATE ARCHIVES.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
26 effect October 1, 2005.