HOUSE BILL 711

By: Joint Committee on Federal Relations (By Request)
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CHAPTER ______

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
   River Compact to be in effect; and generally relating to the Potomac River Compact.

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

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

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

18 (c) The State of Maryland considers the enactment of Virginia Chapter 885 of
19 2007 and Chapters 635 and 688 of 2013 to have fulfilled the requirements in Section 3 of
20 Chapter 144 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007 and Chapters 234 and 235 of the

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.
Strike-out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by
amendment.
Acts of the General Assembly of 2013 that the Commonwealth of Virginia enact “a similar Act” before Chapter 144 and Chapters 234 and 235 may take effect.

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

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.