

REMAINDER IN PROPORTION TO THE NUMBER OF MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED IN EACH PARTY STATE. IN DETERMINING THE NUMBER OF SUCH REGISTRATIONS, THE COMMISSION MAY EMPLOY SUCH SOURCE OR SOURCES OF INFORMATION AS, IN ITS JUDGMENT PRESENTS THE MOST EQUITABLE AND ACCURATE COMPARISONS AMONG THE PARTY STATES. EACH OF THE COMMISSION'S BUDGETS OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES AND REQUESTS FOR APPROPRIATIONS SHALL INDICATE THE SOURCE OR SOURCES USED IN OBTAINING INFORMATION CONCERNING VEHICULAR REGISTRATIONS.

(C) THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT PLEDGE THE CREDIT OF ANY PARTY STATE. THE COMMISSION MAY MEET ANY OF ITS OBLIGATIONS IN WHOLE OR IN PART WITH FUNDS AVAILABLE TO IT UNDER ARTICLE III(H) OF THIS COMPACT, PROVIDED THAT THE COMMISSION TAKES SPECIFIC ACTION SETTING ASIDE SUCH FUNDS PRIOR TO INCURRING ANY OBLIGATION TO BE MET IN WHOLE OR IN PART IN SUCH MANNER. EXCEPT WHERE THE COMMISSION MAKES USE OF FUNDS AVAILABLE TO IT UNDER ARTICLE III(H) HEREOF, THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT INCUR ANY OBLIGATION PRIOR TO THE ALLIEMENT OF FUNDS BY THE PARTY STATES ADEQUATE TO MEET THE SAME.

(D) THE COMMISSION SHALL KEEP ACCURATE ACCOUNTS OF ALL RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS. THE RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE AUDIT AND ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED UNDER ITS RULES. HOWEVER, ALL RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF FUNDS HANDLED BY THE COMMISSION SHALL BE AUDITED YEARLY BY A QUALIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT AND THE REPORT OF THE AUDIT SHALL BE INCLUDED IN AND BECOME PART OF THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE COMMISSION.

(E) THE ACCOUNTS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE OPEN AT ANY REASONABLE TIME FOR INSPECTION BY DULY CONSTITUTED OFFICERS OF THE PARTY STATES AND BY ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED BY THE COMMISSION.

(F) NOTHING CONTAINED HEREIN SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PREVENT COMMISSION COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS RELATING TO AUDIT OR INSPECTION OF ACCOUNTS BY OR ON BEHALF OF ANY GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTING TO THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMISSION.

## ARTICLE VII

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

(A) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE PARTY STATES, AND THEIR ALTERNATES, IF ANY, AND FOR THE STAFF OF THE COMMISSION AND CONTRACTORS WITH THE COMMISSION TO THE END THAT NO MEMBER OR EMPLOYEE OR CONTRACTOR SHALL HAVE A PECUNIARY OR OTHER INCOMPATIBLE INTEREST IN THE MANUFACTURE, SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES OR VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT OR IN ANY FACILITY OR ENTERPRISE EMPLOYED BY THE COMMISSION OR ON ITS BEHALF FOR TESTING, CONDUCT OF INVESTIGATIONS OR RESEARCH. IN ADDITION TO ANY PENALTY FOR VIOLATION