

Article - Transportation

SUBTITLE 3. POTOMAC RIVER BRIDGES TOWING COMPACT

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~~TITLE I~~

~~GENERAL COMPACT PROVISIONS~~

ARTICLE I

PARTIES AND TITLE

THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE POTOMAC RIVER BRIDGES TOWING COMPACT AND THE PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT ARE THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, THE STATE OF MARYLAND, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

ARTICLE II

FINDINGS AND PURPOSE

THE WOODROW WILSON MEMORIAL BRIDGE, ROCHAMBEAU MEMORIAL BRIDGE, GEORGE MASON MEMORIAL BRIDGE, THEODORE ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL BRIDGE, FRANCIS SCOTT KEY BRIDGE, CHAIN BRIDGE AND AMERICAN LEGION BRIDGE ALL PASS THROUGH THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF TWO OR MORE OF THE THREE PARTIES. EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT TRAFFIC BACK UPS OFTEN PREVENT STATE TROOPERS, STATE POLICE OFFICERS, OR POLICE OFFICERS OF THE APPROPRIATE JURISDICTION FROM ARRIVING AT THE SCENE OF A DISABLED OR ABANDONED VEHICLE TO TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION. THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMPACT IS TO FACILITATE THE PROMPT AND ORDERLY REMOVAL OF DISABLED AND ABANDONED VEHICLES FROM THE BRIDGES BY GIVING ALL THREE PARTIES JURISDICTION TO EXERCISE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY ANYWHERE ON THE BRIDGES.

ARTICLE III

AUTHORITY TO DIRECT TRAFFIC AND AUTHORIZE REMOVAL OF VEHICLE

THE PARTIES HEREBY GIVE ONE ANOTHER ALL NECESSARY POWER AND AUTHORITY TO HAVE THEIR RESPECTIVE STATE TROOPERS, STATE POLICE OFFICERS, OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS DIRECT TRAFFIC AND AUTHORIZE THE REMOVAL OF DISABLED OR ABANDONED VEHICLES, TRAILERS, SEMITRAILERS, OR THE PARTS OR CONTENTS THEREOF, FROM ANY PART OF THE POTOMAC RIVER BRIDGES, TO THE SAME EXTENT AND IN THE SAME MANNER THAT SUCH STATE TROOPERS, STATE POLICE OFFICERS, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MAY EXERCISE SUCH AUTHORITY IN THEIR OWN JURISDICTIONS. HOWEVER, NO PARTY, ACTING THROUGH ITS STATE TROOPERS, STATE POLICE