

No. 1996-59

AN ACT

SB 1325

Amending the act of July 29, 1953 (P.L.970, No.235), entitled "An act authorizing the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to execute on behalf of the Commonwealth a compact with certain other States for the effective prevention and control of forest fires and for mutual aid in fighting forest fires," authorizing the admission of other states into the compact; and making an editorial change.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The introductory paragraph of section 1 and section 3 of the act of July 29, 1953 (P.L.970, No.235), referred to as the Middle Atlantic Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact Act, are amended to read:

Section 1. The Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is hereby authorized and directed to execute a compact on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with any one or more of the States of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Virginia and West Virginia, *and with such other states as may enter into the compact legally joining therein*, who may, by their legislative bodies, so authorize a compact, in form substantially as follows:

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Section 3. The Secretary of [Forests and Waters] *Conservation and Natural Resources*, or someone designated by him, shall act as compact administrator for the Commonwealth and represent the Commonwealth in the Middle Atlantic Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 28th day of June, A.D. 1996.

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