

1 commission may avail itself of any other remedies available under state or
2 federal law.

3 Sec. 14. ARTICLE XIV: FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

4 (a) The commission established hereunder shall delegate day-to-day
5 management and administration of its duties, as needed, to any employees,
6 contractors or donated staff who shall all be considered governmental
7 employees.

8 (b) The commission shall pay or provide for the payment of
9 reasonable expenses of its establishment and organization. To fund the
10 cost of initial operations, the commission may accept contributions and
11 other forms of funding from federal agencies, compacting states and other
12 sources. Contributions and other forms of funding from other sources
13 shall be of such a nature that the independence of the commission shall not
14 be compromised.

15 (c) The commission shall collect a filing fee equal to 1.5% of the
16 filing fee paid the CMSSA for each proposed line from the applicant to
17 cover the cost of operations and activities of the commission and its staff
18 in a total amount sufficient to cover the commission's annual budget.

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19 (d) The commission shall adopt an annual budget sufficient to
20 provide for the payment of the reasonable expenses of its establishment,
21 organization and ongoing activities which shall be fully funded by the
22 member states that shall bear ultimate responsibility. Nothing in this
23 provision shall prevent the commission from paying obligations incurred
24 and outstanding from a prior year.

25 (e) The commission may not pledge the credit of any member state,
26 except by and with the appropriate legal authority of that state, and as a
27 governmental entity, shall be exempt from all taxation in and by the
28 member states. No member state shall have any claim to or ownership of
29 any property held by or vested in the commission or to any commission
30 funds held pursuant to the provisions of this compact except for state
31 licensing fees collected from licensees as its agent and held for periodic
32 transmission to it by the commission.

33 Sec. 15. ARTICLE XV: MEMBER STATES, EFFECTIVE DATE
34 AND AMENDMENT

35 (a) Any state is eligible to become a member state. The compact shall
36 become effective and binding upon legislative enactment of the compact
37 into law by no less than three of the states. Thereafter, it shall become
38 effective and binding as to any other member state upon enactment of the
39 compact into law by that state. The governors of non-member states or
40 their designees shall be invited to participate in the activities of the
41 interstate commission on a non-voting basis prior to adoption of the
42 compact by all states.

43 (b) The commission may propose amendments to the compact for