



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND  
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# **COUNCIL OF MARITIME PREMIERS ACT**

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### CHAPTER C-27

WHEREAS the Provinces of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are unanimous in their desire to promote unity of purpose among their respective Governments; and

WHEREAS the wish to ensure maximum coordination of the activities of the Governments of the three provinces and their agencies; and

WHEREAS the said provinces wish to establish the framework for joint action and undertakings; and

WHEREAS the Maritime Union Study recommended the establishment of a Council of Maritime Premiers as one of the agencies for cooperative action among the said provinces; and

WHEREAS by an agreement dated May 25, 1971, the Premiers of the said provinces agreed to general principles for the operation of a Council of Maritime Premiers for the purpose of pursuing the objectives herein recited; and

WHEREAS the said Premiers have met several times for such purpose; and

WHEREAS is it desirable to enact legislation in each of the said provinces respecting a Council of Maritime Premiers.

#### 1. Definitions

In this Act

- (a) “**agreement**” means an agreement among the Provinces of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick referred to in section 2;
- (b) “**Council**” means the Council of Maritime Premiers established pursuant to this Act; and
- (c) “**parties**” means the Sovereign in the right of each of the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island represented by the Sovereign’s respective Lieutenant Governors in Council. *R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. C-24, s.1; 2022,c.62,s.14.*

#### 2. Council of Maritime Premiers, establishment by agreement

The Lieutenant Governor in Council may

- (a) enter into an agreement with the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick for the establishment of a body to be known as the “Council of Maritime Premiers” comprised of the Premiers of the Provinces of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; and
- (b) agree, from time to time, with the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to amend the agreement. *R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. C-24, s.2.*

**3. Agreement, contents permitted**

The agreement may

- (a) authorize the Council to do or cause to be done, on behalf of the parties, any or all such things as the parties thereto are otherwise empowered to do and deem necessary or ancillary to the attainment of the objectives set forth in the preamble to this Act;
- (b) provide for the financing of the operations of the Council and for cost-sharing arrangements; and
- (c) contain such other provision as may be necessary or desirable to provide for the administration of the Council and for its operations. *R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. C-24, s.3.*

**4. Fiscal year**

The fiscal year of the Council shall commence on April 1 in each year and end on March 31 in the year next following. *R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. C-24, s.4.*

**5. Annual budget**

The Council shall prepare an annual budget which shall be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor in Council. *R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. C-24, s.5.*

**6. Approval of budget by Legislative Assembly**

If the budget is approved by the Lieutenant Governors in Council of the three provinces, there shall be introduced in the Legislative Assembly, a resolution for an appropriation to enable the province to meet its share of the budget. *R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. C-24, s.6.*

**7. Annual report**

Each year the Council shall prepare and publish a report on its activities in the preceding year. *R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. C-24, s.7*

**8. Agreements to be tabled in Legislative Assembly**

- (1) Any agreement or any amendment thereto made under this Act when the Legislative Assembly is in session shall be tabled during that session.

*Idem*

- (2) Any agreement or any amendment thereto made under this Act when the Legislative Assembly is not in session shall be tabled at the next following session. *R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. C-24, s.8.*

**9. Agreement operative**

The agreement dated May 25, 1971, is deemed to be an agreement under this Act. *R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. C-24, s.9.*