

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE



Defense – State Liaison



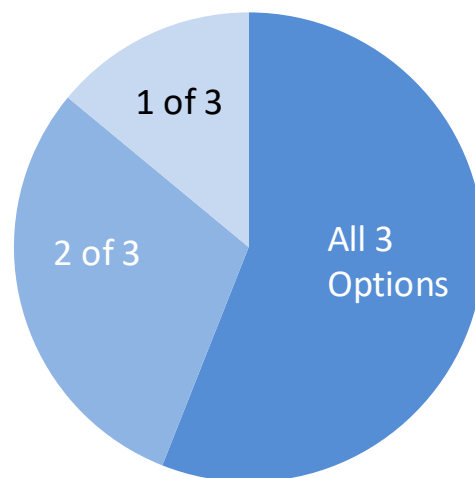
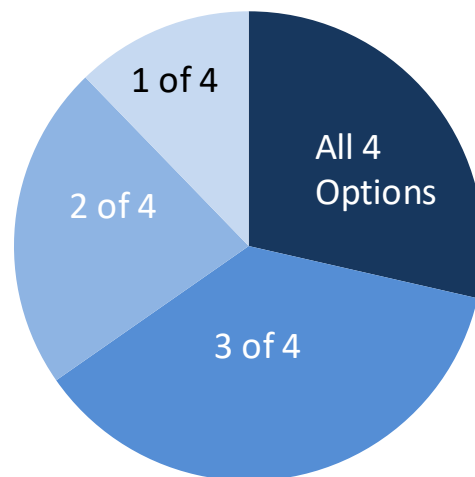
DoD – State Liaison Function

- Established by the USD(P&R) in 2004
- Mission is to:
 - Alleviate barriers as a result of military life
 - Harmonize differences in state and federal laws
- Have covered a wide range of state issues:
 - Family law, education, occupational licensure and employment support, consumer protection, voting, health policy, National Guard support and the state judicial system
- Issues are reviewed annually to bring most significant to states
- Accomplish mission through “ERA” with state policymakers
 - **E**ducate about the issues, build **R**elationships, and **A**ssist when asked
 - We don’t lobby – no ‘grass roots’ campaigning for specific bills



Licensure Initiatives Status

- Encouraged states to accept four options for transitioning Service members:
 - 47 accept military training, education and experience towards licensure
 - 40 allow RC members to maintain licenses while on active duty
 - 34 accept military training, education and experience towards academic degree
 - 21 endorse license received on active duty
- Encouraged states to accept three options for military spouse license portability:
 - 46 provide temporary licensing for spouses who cannot qualify for endorsement
 - 39 make endorsement of existing licenses available and attainable
 - 37 expedite the process of getting a license





Military Spouse License Portability

- Encouraged states to accept three options:
 - Make **endorsement** of existing licenses available and attainable
 - Provide **temporary** licensing for spouses who cannot qualify for endorsement
 - **Expedite** the process of getting a license



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MN	NE	NY	KS	IL	MO	MI	NJ	NH	PA



2017 Spouse Licensure Initiatives

- Working with the University of Minnesota on evaluation of implementation of previous policy changes
- Military spouse teacher certification
 - Largely not impacted by previous license portability initiative
 - State status: 16 states existing/enacted policy
- Licensing Compacts recognizing separating Service members and military spouses
 - Compacts for nursing, psychology, emergency medical services, physical therapy
 - Provide support to military spouses, transitioning Service members and assist in access to care concerns



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