

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE



# Defense – State Liaison

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# 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
  - Educate about the issues, build **R**elationships, and **A**ssist when asked
  - We don’t lobby – no ‘grass roots’ campaigning for specific bills



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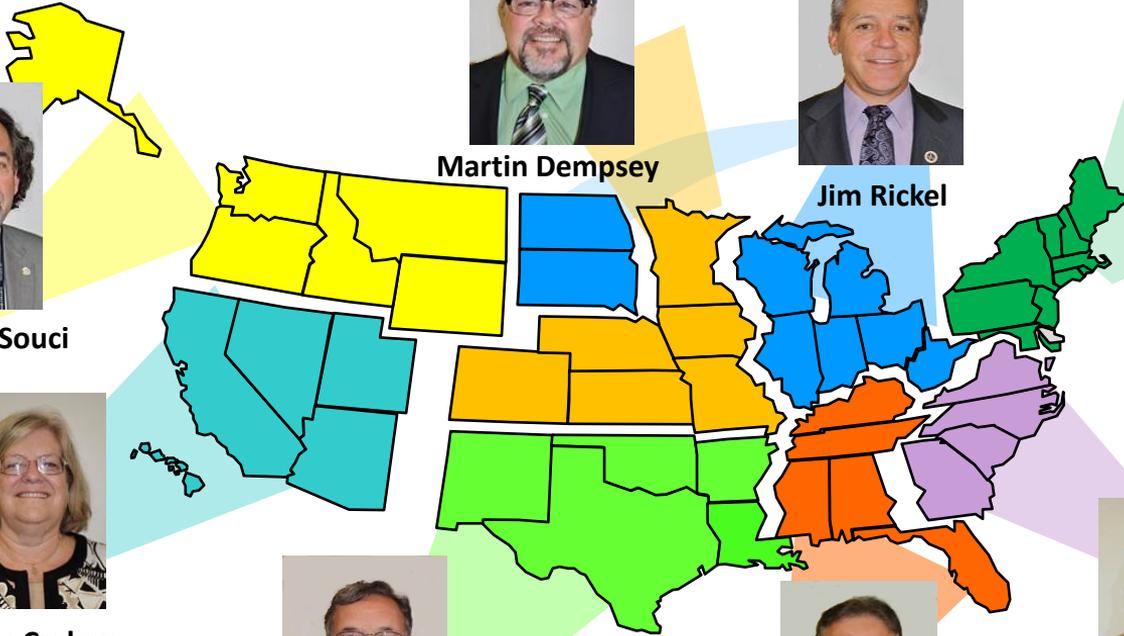
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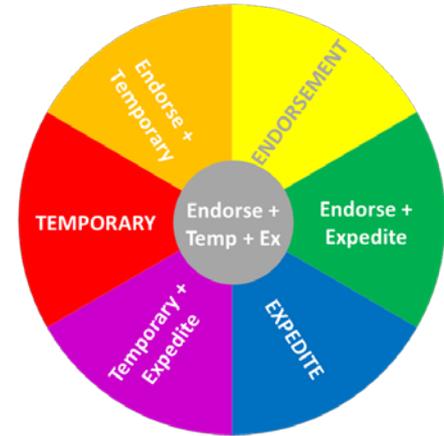
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# Military Spouse License Portability

- 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



AL	AR	AZ	CO	FL	GA	HI	ID	IN	LA
MA	MS	MT	ND	NM	NV	OK	OR	RI	SC
SD	TN	TX	UT	VA	VT	WA	WY	CT	IA
KY	ME	NC	OH	WI	WV	AK	CA	DE	MD
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, 5 states pending

AZ	CO	GA	IA	IN	MI	MS	NC	NJ	NV	OR	PA	SD	TX	WA	WV	CA	MI	NC	RI	WA
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- Licensing Compacts recognizing separating Service members and military spouses
  - Compacts existing for nursing, psychology, emergency medical treatment
  - Currently working physical therapy
  - Status: 13 states enacted, 3 states pending

AZ	CO	KY	MO	MS	MT	NC	ND	OR	TN	TX	UT	WA	IL	NH	NJ
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