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:
  o Alleviate barriers as a result of military life
  o Harmonize differences in state and federal laws
• Have covered a wide range of state issues:
  o 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
  o Educate about the issues, build Relationships, and Assist when asked
  o We don’t lobby – no ‘grass roots’ campaigning for specific bills
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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

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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

- 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