



Veterans & Military Families Caucus

Democratic Party of New Mexico

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License Portability Statutes

Representatives **Matthews, Thomson, Armstrong and T.Jaramillo**

Why VMFC supports HB247 | HB248 | HB249 HB391 | HB392

An increasing number of occupations are establishing interstate compacts to support:

- Common understanding of standards
- States **sharing authority and responsibility** over occupational-based practices
- **“Privilege to practice”** policies allowing members to work in other compact states
- Allowing endorsements for a license transfer, primarily based upon changing legal residence
- **Telepractice opportunities** using technology to work across state boundaries

These five License Portability Statutes will **benefit military spouses** who hold a medical, psychology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, or audiology and speech-language pathology license by allowing them to easily move among the compact member states and continue to practice their professions **without significant administrative delays** related to licensing and residency requirements.

Military spouses who are doctors, psychologists, therapists or pathologists will be able to immediately begin practicing upon their arrival in New Mexico, which will help address **the state’s severe shortage** of healthcare providers.

The Defense State Liaison Office (DSLO), a Department of Defense office which works with state policymakers to support the well-being of military families, considers license portability to be one of its most important priorities.

The Department of Defense, as it looks for the **best locations in the country** to add new missions, is more likely to favor locations in states that **best support military families** based on the achievement of DSLO priorities.

Demographic Data on New Mexico residents include:

13,914 active-duty service members
 4,774 active-duty spouses
 8,385 active-duty children
 7,824 National Guard and reserve members
 3,215 National Guard and reserve spouses
 5,116 National Guard and reserve children
 43,228 military and family members reside in New Mexico

Data source: DMDC, Dec. 31, 2021

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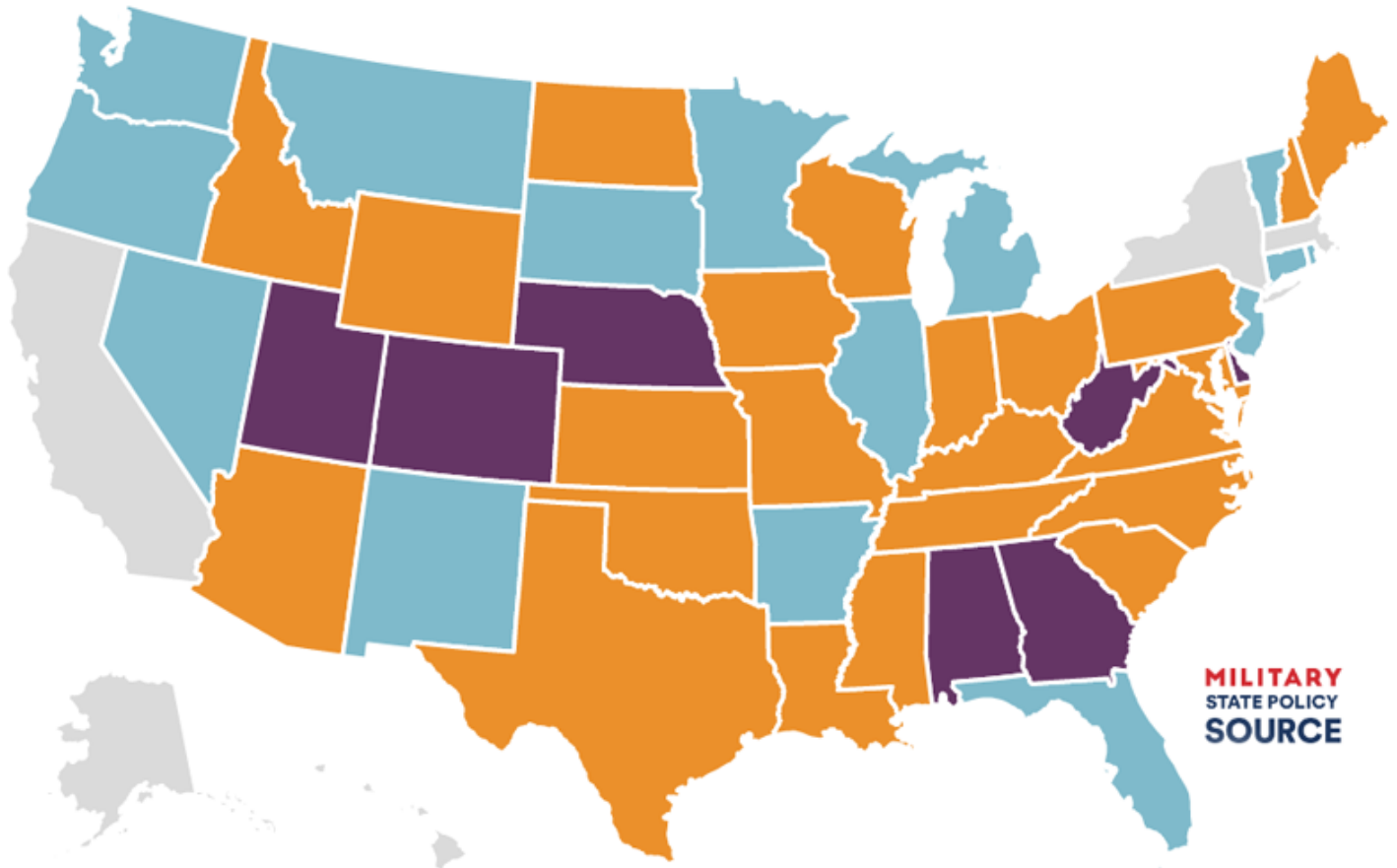
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