

HR 2618

To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide a guarantee of residency for registration of businesses of spouses of members of the uniformed services, to improve occupational license portability for military spouses through interstate compacts, and for other purposes.

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** IN • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		May 9, 2019
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		May 9, 2019
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		May 17, 2019
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Jun 4, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	May 10, 2019
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	May 29, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2500	Related bill	Aug 11, 2020: Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 512.
116 S 1790	Related bill	Dec 20, 2019: Became Public Law No: 116-92.
116 HR 3072	Identical bill	Jun 17, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
116 S 1383	Identical bill	May 9, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

This bill addresses the process of business registration by a spouse accompanying a service member deployed away from the state of residence.

The accompanying spouse shall not be deemed to have (1) lost a residence or domicile in the state, (2) acquired a residence or domicile in another state, or (3) become a resident in or of any other state. The spouse may elect to use the same residence as the member regardless of the date of marriage.

The bill authorizes the Department of Defense to enter into an agreement with the Council of State Governments to assist with funding for interstate compacts on licensed occupations in order to alleviate burdens associated with relicensing when members make a permanent change of duty station to another state.

Actions Timeline

- **May 29, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **May 10, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **May 9, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **May 9, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.