

# **DOCS (Digital Oversight of Credentials for Service Members) Act**

*This bill streamlines and strengthens the process by which the Department of Defense (DoD) verifies the credentials of military health care providers, ensuring faster and more reliable licensure checks so our service members and their families receive the best possible care.*

## **Key Legislative Provisions**

- This bill requires the Secretary of Defense to establish a centralized credentialing system to verify medical licenses of military healthcare professionals, uniformed and civilian, regardless of the location of the facility and across all military branches.
- The bill requires that 90% of licensure verifications are completed within seven days of request.

## **Background**

- The military depends on thousands of licensed medical professionals to care for service members and their families.
- Each move requires re-credentialing, even within the same town, causing delays.
- Inconsistent verification processes have led to staffing shortages, deployment issues, and care gaps.
- Some providers are unable to practice for months due to lack of a standardized system.
- This bill streamlines credentialing through a centralized system, improving efficiency and access to care.

