Health Systems Quality Assurance

- Regulates
  - 83 health professions
  - More than 380,000 health professionals
- Responsible for implementation of legislation
Challenges

Challenges for veterans, military personnel and spouses include:

- High unemployment
- Difficult transitions
- Transferring military training to civilian jobs
Department of Health Initiatives

• Military page on the agency website

• Streamlining health profession credentialing

• “Inactive” license for transferred/deployed military personnel

• Partnering with Joint Base Lewis-McChord and colleges
Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5969

- Expedited licenses for relocated spouses
- Temporary practice permits
Senate Bill 6290

- “Inactive” license status
- Spouses of military personnel deployed or transferred out of Washington
Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5307

- Military training and experience equivalency
- Includes 22 health professions
- Equivalency determined by secretary, board or commission
ESSB 5307 – Challenges & Next Steps

• Military vs. civilian terminology

• Occupation and training differences across service branches

• Department of Defense assistance
Department of Health Military Website

- [www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov)

- Click on “Topics A-Z” and “Military Resources”
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