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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Comments on Uniformed Services Former Spouses' Protection Act (USFSPA)

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of an Analysis of the USFSPA and report to Congress.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 643 of P.L. 105-85, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 1998, October 23, 1997, notice is hereby given of a comprehensive review of the Uniformed Services Former Spouses' Protection Act (USFSPA) and the preparation of a report to Congress regarding USFSPA. Section 643 of NDAA requires DoD to examine and compare, respectively, the protections, benefits and treatment afforded under Federal law to members and former members of the Uniformed Services and their former spouses; and the protections, benefits and treatment afforded under such laws to employees and former employees of the Federal government and their former spouses. In connection with its analysis, DoD seeks the written comments of tax-exempt organizations, which have as a stated purpose the representation of current or former military members and/or their spouses or former spouses. The comments of these organizations will constitute a portion of the information DoD uses in preparing its report.

The DoD review will include an analysis of all legal authorities that: ". . . establish, provide for the enforcement of, or otherwise protect the interests of members and former members of the uniformed services and former spouses of such persons in retired or retainer pay of members and former members; or provide other benefits for members and former members of the uniformed services and former spouse of such persons. . . ." (Legal Authorities: 10 U.S.C. 1062, 1072, 1076, 1086a, 1097, 1401, 1401a, 1405-1409, 1447-1460B) The report to Congress will include the following elements: (a) the experiences of the Uniformed Services in administering the legal authorities (including the effectiveness of legal assistance provided by DoD); (b) the experience of members and former members and their spouses and former spouses with respect to the legal authorities,

including the application of the legal authorities by State courts; (c) a discussion of the history of State laws and court decisions which interpret the legal authorities; and (d) an analysis of the extent to which State courts' interpretations of applicable law are consistent with the legal authorities. DoD believes the views of the organizations referred to above will be useful in carrying out its responsibilities under NDAA.

DATES: Comments are required February 22, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy, Compensation, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For an organization's comments to be considered, they must be accompanied by copies of the following documents: (a) its certificate or articles of incorporation, by-laws and all amendments thereto; (b) current Internal Revenue Service determination letter; and (c) resolutions, certified by the Secretary of the organization, adopted by the governing body (e.g. board of directors) which approve the comments and authorize their submission to DoD. The Chairman of the Board or the President or an equivalent executive officer must submit the organization's comments.

The comments should address all of the following matters: (a) An assessment of the effectiveness and fairness of the USFSPA and other legal authorities; (b) those aspects, if any of the legal authorities which are well covered and do not require changes; and (c) those aspects of the legal authorities which do not operate properly or are ineffective and suggestions for improvement.

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