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Alabama	Alabama Interpreter Licensure Law Section 34-16	License: National certification. Annual renewal: need proof of current national certification and proof of current continuing education program. Permit: proof of high school graduation/GED, proof of current interpreter employment, and 3 letters of recommendation from licensed interpreters. Exemptions: students up to 120 hours (16 weeks), religious interpreters, out-of-state interpreters up to 14 working days, state petitioned and approved exemption.	Passed	The Alabama Licensure Board P.O. Box 230001 Montgomery, AL 36123 - albit@hotmail.com - www.cosda.org
Alaska	HB 126	Previous efforts failed. No information regarding new efforts toward general licensure at this time	Failed	Alaska Legislature Bill History http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get_complete_bill.asp?session=21&bill=HB126
Arizona	SB 1151	License: Show proof of education, examination, and work history. Exemptions: Out-of-State Interpreters working fewer than 20 days, religious interpreters, emergency situations, volunteer/non-legal work, educational interpreters, and student interns	Passed	Arizona Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. info@acdhh.state.az.us
Arkansas	Draft	License: Valid for 3 years, proof of qualified continuing education. Exemptions: Out-of-State Interpreters working fewer than 20 days, religious interpreters, emergency situations, volunteer/non-legal work, student interns	Draft	Arkansas RID http://www.arkansasrid.org/interp.htm
California	ASSEMBLY BILL No. 2912	License: RID Certified or equivalent (NAD, ACCI, EIPA, ESSE). Exemptions: Out-of-State Interpreters working teleconference or social environments, religious interpreters, emergency situations, volunteer/non-legal work, student interns, ITP graduates working with a licensed mentor and identified as such (expires 5 years after graduation)	effective date 2009	Nancy Grosz-Sager, Consultant - Deaf and Hard of Hearing Programs, CA Dept. of Education - nsager@cde.ca.gov
Colorado		Details unavailable	Draft	

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Connecticut	Connecticut General Statutes: Section 46a-33a.	Required to register with Connecticut Commission for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired (CDHI). Definitions of "Qualified Interpreter" - 1) NAD III/IV/V Certified with passed RID generalist written exam, 2) Passed RID generalist written exam and ITP graduate, 3) NAD IV/V Certified, 4) RID Certified, 5) CDI Certified, 6) Oral Interpreter Certification, 7) Cued Speech Certification. Restrictions on Medical and Legal interpreting settings	Passed	Connecticut Commission for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired (CDHI) http://www.state.ct.us/cdhi/interp.htm
Delaware		no information available regarding general licensure of interpreters		
District of Columbia		no information available regarding general licensure of interpreters		
Florida	HB 1333/SB 2592	License: Interpreter or Transliterator license requires proof of valid credentials (RID certification, NAD IV/V certificaion, NIC certification) and an official picture id (example: passport). Associates degree by 2010, a Bachelors degree by 2012. Renewal: Annual, proof of valid credentials, proof of continuing education. Provisional: Limited to 5 years with the possibility of a 1 year extension. Must have one of the following: Florida RID Quality Assurance Screening Level II/III; Florida RID Educational Interpreter Evaluation Level II/III; NAD Level III; EIPA Level IV/V; Cued American English Competency Level 3.3-4.0; passed CDI written and Superior Plus rating for Signed Communication Proficiency Interview or ASL Proficiency Interview. Temporary Licenses, Specialized Limited Licenses, and Permit processes detailed. Exemptions: Out-of-State Interpreters working fewer than 30 consecutive calendar days (national or state emergency exempt) , religious interpreters, emergency situations (licensed services must continue to be sought), volunteer/non-legal work, student interns.	Pending	Florida RID http://www.fridcentral.com/whatsnew.html
Georgia		no information available regarding general licensure of interpreters		
Hawaii		no information available regarding general licensure of interpreters		

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Idaho		no information available regarding general licensure of interpreters		
Illinois	SB 2292	Licensure: RID Certification, NAD Certification, or ISIS Certification and registered with the Illinois Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Exemptions: religious interpreters, educational interpreters, certified teachers of the deaf within the scope of their job.	Pending	Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission http://www.idhhc.state.il.us/
Indiana	460 IAC 2-3	Required to register with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (DHHS). Must pass RID written exam and have a NAD III and obtain 2 CEUs per year for upto 5 years. Must pass RID written exam, be an IPP/ITP graduate, and obtain 2 CEUs per year for upto 5 years. Hold NAD IV/V or RID certification. As of 7/2007 a BA degree is required. Renewal: Every 2 years	Final Rule	Indiana Chapter of RID http://www.icrid.org/bispage.htm
Iowa	SB 2298	Licensure: RID Certification, NAD III/IV/V, or EIPA 3.5 and registered with the Illinois Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.	Passed	Iowa Dept of Public Health http://www.idph.state.ia.us/licensure/
Kansas	DKSA 75-5393	License: Kansas Quality Assurance Screening (KQAS) Level 3 or above, NAD Certification, RID Certification (CSC, CI, CT, NIC, CDI), EIPA 4.0 or above, other state's licensure (accepted for 2yrs). Registration: All working interpreters MUST register with the KCDHH and obtain appropriate documents to work in Kansas. Transitional: work permit for KQAS Level 1 or 2 Exemptions: Religious interpreters, student interns with KQAS 4 or 5 supervisor, Mentoring with transitional license and KQAS 4 or 5 supervisor.	Draft	Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing http://www.srskansas.org/kcdhh
Kentucky	KRS 309.300	License: Certification from a nationally recognized organization. Annual renewal with proof certification and continuing education. Temporary License: Interpreter in training under the guidance and supervision of a Licensed Interpreter; non-renewable. BA in Interpreting = 1yr temp lic. AS in Interpreting = 2yr temp lic. No-degree = 2yr temp lic. Exemptions: Out-of-State Interpreters working fewer than 20 days, religious interpreters, emergency situations, volunteer/non-legal work, student interns	Passed	Kentucky Finance and Administration Cabinet http://finance.ky.gov/ourcabinet/caboff/OAS/op/interpret/

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Louisiana		References to a licensure draft, but no other information available		
Maine	Ch. 22 - 1524	License: RID certification or NAD IV/V, sworn statement "understand and to follow" RID Code of Ethics, proof of high school completion. Annual renewal with proof of continued certification and continuing education. Limited License: Proof of high school completion, sworn statement "understand and to follow" RID Code of Ethics, proof of ASL education, proof of Interpreter Training education. Annual renewal with proof of 20hrs of continuing education. Temporary License: 2 yrs - non-renewable. Exemptions: Out-of-State Interpreters emergency medical situations	Passed	Maine Legislature http://janus.state.me.us/legis/statutes/32/title32sec1524.html
Maryland		Task force for Licensure. No other information available.		
Massachusetts		Required to register with Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (MCDHH). Must be RID certified or pass the MCDHH interpreter screening. MCDHH screening is available to IPP/ITP graduates who want to be entry-level interpreters.	Passed	Massachusetts RID www.massrid.org
Michigan	Public Act 204 of 1982	State Quality Assurance Program - provides state certification at various levels prior to earning national certification	Passed	Dept of Human Services http://www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,1607,7-124-5460_7260_21376-14878--,00.html
Minnesota		no efforts toward general licensure at this time.		
Mississippi	SB 2794	Required to register with the Office on Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing (ODHH). Must be RID certified, NAD certified, or hold a QAS from the state of Mississippi. Renewal every 2 years. Exemptions: religious interpreters. Student registration is available for IPP/ITP students. Graduates of the IPP/ITP may use their student registration for 2 years after graduation, then certification is required.	Passed	Alois Wolverton aawolverton@hindscc.edu
Missouri	Section 209.285	License: Certification RID (CSC, CI, CIT), NAD III/IV/V. Renewable, continuing education required. Provisional License: valid for 1 year - then re-evaluation is required.	Passed	Missouri Revised Statutes http://www.moga.mo.gov/statutes/C200-299/2090000321.HTM

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Montana		no information available regarding general licensure of interpreters		
Nebraska	LB 87	Licensure: RID or NAD certification, or Nebraska Quality Assurance Screening Test (QAST). Rules and regulations are still being reviewed. Licenses will be issued and maintained beginning in 2006.	Passed - to be signed 03/07	Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing http://www.ncdhh.ne.gov/index.html
Nevada	NRS 656A	License: RID Certified, NAD IV/V, Cued Speech certification. Exemptions: Out-of-State Interpreters working teleconference or social environments, religious interpreters, volunteer/non-profit work, real-time captioning services.	Passed	Nevada Legislature http://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-656A.html
New Hampshire	RSA 326 I	License: National level: RID or NAD certification. State level: New Hampshire classification test. Renewal every 3 years with proof certification and continuing education. Exemptions: Out-of-State Interpreters working fewer than 250 hours, religious interpreters, emergency situations, students, educational settings, waiver signed by deaf consumer for interpreter preference	Passed	New Hampshire Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing http://www.ed.state.nh.us/education/doe/organization/adultlearning/VR/DeafandHardofHearing.htm
New Jersey		no information available regarding general licensure of interpreters		
New Mexico		Licensure study completed and recommendations for licensure have been made. 2005 Strategic Plan allots funds to focus on Interpreter Licensure.		New Mexico Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing http://www.nmcdhh.org/content.htm
New York		Licensure efforts are under development.		New York RID - Genessee Valley Region http://www.nyrid.org/gvr/legis.html
North Carolina	NCGS 90	License: NCICS A/B, NAD IV/V, RID, or NCSA. Annual renewal. Provisional: Graduate of ITP/IPP or have one of the following: NCICS C, NAD II/III, EIPA 3.0. Annual renewal limited to 3 times. Exemptions: religious interpreters, emergency situations, students, educational settings	Passed	North Carolina Dept. of Health and Human Services Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing http://dsdhh.dhhs.state.nc.us/division/interpreter/pdf/factsheet_licensure.pdf

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North Dakota		no information available regarding general licensure of interpreters		
Ohio	HB 205	Previous efforts failed. No information regarding new efforts toward general licensure at this time	Failed	Ohio School for the Deaf
Oklahoma		Drafting process in the beginning stages and detailed information is unavailable.	Draft	Ruth Strozdas, Chair Oklahoma RID Licensure Committee rstrozd@osuokc.edu 405-945-3279 http://www.okrid.org/LicensureFAQs.shtml
Oregon		no information available regarding general licensure of interpreters		
Pennsylvania	ACT 57-2004	Required to register with the Pennsylvania Office on Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing (ODHH). Must provide proof of verifiable RID or NAD certification. Exemptions: religious interpreters; emergency situations; supervised interns (provided it is not a legal situation); out-of-state NAD/RID Certified interpreters working less than 14 days in 1 calendar year; deaf client accepts services after full disclosure of registration status; volunteer and educational interpreting; medical offices; if deaf client is fully informed of status and right to a registered interpreter .	Passed	Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry http://www.dli.state.pa.us/landi/lib/landi/ovr/odhh/act57.html

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Rhode Island	R5 - 71 ID	<p>License: Issued separately for interpretation and transliteration. Requirements: RID certification, 3 letters of reference (or video) from consumers attesting to ethics and skills, proof of education from an RID recognized IPP/ITP. If not RID Certified - must pass State written exam and screening. Annual Renewal required with proof of continuing education as prescribed by RID. Categories: Certified License - Meet all requirements; License - uncertified, proof of IPP/ITP education and passed State screening; Temporary License - IPP/ITP students under program supervision. Exemptions: persons licensed in Rhode Island under another law; Court Interpreters (subject to other law); volunteer interpreting; emergency situations.</p>	Passed	Rhode Island Dept of Health http://www.health.state.ri.us/hsr/professions/ - http://www.rules.state.ri.us/rules/released/pdf/DOH/DOH_178_.pdf
South Carolina		Previous efforts failed. No information regarding new efforts toward general licensure at this time		
South Dakota	SDCL 1-36A-11	<p>State Certification: by the SD Dept. of Human Services if: RID Certified, NAD Certified, or EIPA 3.5 or higher. Annual renewal required with 125 hrs of CEUs over 5 years. Provisional Certification: if IPP/ITP graduate, renew registration annually, and adhere to a 5-year plan toward national certification credentials (included CEUs and mentoring). Limit 5 years. Exemptions: religious interpreting</p>	Passed	South Dakota RID http://www.sdrid.org/page0005.html
Tennessee		no information available regarding general licensure of interpreters		
Texas		Board of Evaluation for Interpreters (BEI) established in 1980. Tests and certifies interpreters and has completed RID certification comparisons. Also provides guidelines of certification levels required for various interpreting environments - including legal, medical, educational, etc.	Passed	Dept. of Assistave and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) http://www.dars.state.tx.us/dhhs/bei.shtml

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Utah	53A-26a-101	State Certification: Novice (limited to 3 years), Intermediate, or Master level and appropriate corresponding interpreting environments are defined. Also recognized: RID Certified, NAD IV/V Certified, or EIPA 3.5 or higher. Annual renewal. Exemptions: military if certified elsewhere: students; interns; out-of-state certified interpreters limited to consultation; interpreter recognized by an educational institution for the purpose of providing demonstrations and lectures - but may not act as a practitioner; out-of-state licensed interpreter traveling with an athletic team	Passed	Utah Interpreter Program http://www.aslterps.utah.gov/policies.php - http://www.le.state.ut.us/~code/TITLE53A/53A1D.htm
Vermont		no information available regarding general licensure of interpreters		
Virginia	51.5-113	Required to register with the Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing (VDDHH). Must provide proof of verifiable RID or NAD certification, pass a current screening from the Virginia Quality Assurance Screening Program, or possess a current screening from another screening program recognized by VDDHH.		Virginia Dept for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing http://www.vddhh.org/lr-code.htm
Washington		no efforts toward general licensure at this time.		
West Virginia	5-14A-1	unable to access WV Code - legislature site inaccessible - NAD indicates this law requires interpreter certification and registration		
Wisconsin		Licensure proposal being developed.		Joel Mankowski mankowj@uwm.edu
Wyoming		Licensure efforts just beginning		Wyoming RID http://www.wyrid.org/internews.htm