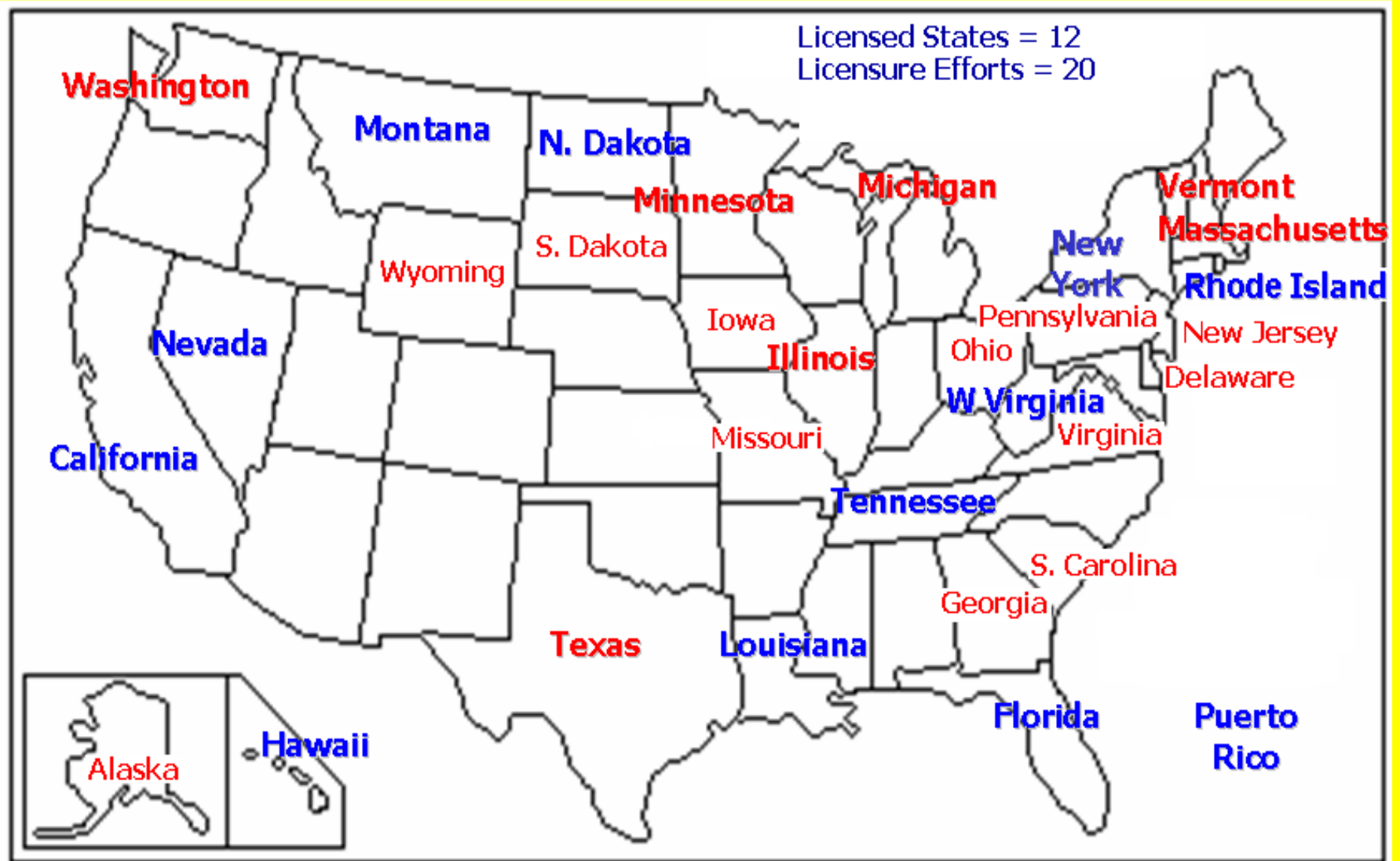




LICENSURE EFFORTS IN OTHER STATES

Lab Personnel Licensure Efforts



Missouri Licensure Experience

- First pursued in mid-1970's, ceased in late 1970's
- Resumed in 2003
 - 2003: Established a laboratory coalition
 - MoCLS, ASCP, CLMA, MoSSAMT
 - 2005: MoCLS only organization still standing
 - Hired lobbyists
 - Wrote first draft of bill and filed in Missouri House
 - Died in committee

Missouri Licensure Experience

- **2006: Overhauled bill language**
 - Filed in both houses of MO general Assembly
 - Hearing in the Senate (Died in committee)
- **2007: Tweaked bill language**
 - Developed petition to support bill
 - Improved the testimony process
- **2008: Same as 2007**
 - December, CAP announces change in position

Missouri Licensure Experience

- 2009: met with President of MSP
 - MSP identified 14 suggested changes
 - Negotiations made with MSP
 - Filed bill in the Senate (No House sponsor)
 - Did first MO Legislative Symposium
 - Testified before Senate (Died in committee)

Missouri Licensure Experience

- 2010: Met with MSP to negotiate bill language
 - MSP identified 4 suggested changes
 - Were not the same 4 as previous year
 - MoCLS agreed to all four
 - Filed bill in Senate (No House sponsor)
 - Letter indicating no MSP opposition
 - Second annual MO Leg Days
 - Senate subcommittee hearing
 - Bill was called to vote and won 5 to 2

Missouri Clinical Laboratory Science Practice Act

- Who does the bill cover?
 - Current & future laboratory personnel
 - Phlebotomists/assistants
 - Collecting and preparing samples
 - CLT/MLT and CLS /MT level practitioners (categoricals)
 - Performing analyses
- Who is **NOT** covered in the bill?
 - Secretarial staff
 - Medical Lab directors
 - Pathologists, physician directors, other licensed professionals

Missouri Clinical Laboratory Science Practice Act

- Obligations of current laboratory personnel
 - Application
 - ALL CURRENT PRACTITIONERS QUALIFY
 - Certified need only apply
 - Uncertified must document 2 years experience in last 5 years
 - If not, two 1yr temporary licenses will be issued to qualify
 - Fee
 - Set by Board to cover administrative expenses
 - Lower fee for phlebotomists
 - Continuing education
 - Re-application every 2 years



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- Obligation of future laboratory personnel
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Missouri Clinical Laboratory Science Practice Act

- Board of Directors (9 members)
 - Purpose
 - Determine specifics for applicants
 - Constitution
 - 2 Physician lab directors, 1 non-MD director, 3 MLS, 2 MLT, 1 general public
 - Terms
 - 2 years
 - Duties
 - Recommend accreditation and certification bodies
 - Judge applicant files and disputes

Missouri Clinical Laboratory Science Practice Act

- What is the Bill Designed to do?
 - **Grandfather in all current practitioners**
 - Require that all future laboratory professionals practicing in the State of Missouri earn a degree with experience to **qualify for certification, pass an approved certification exam, and maintain their knowledge based through continuing education**