

**UNITED STATES CODE
TITLE 10. ARMED FORCES
SUBTITLE A--GENERAL MILITARY LAW
PART II--PERSONNEL
CHAPTER 53--MISCELLANEOUS RIGHTS AND BENEFITS**

Section 1044b. Military Powers of Attorney: Requirement for Recognition by States.

- (a) Instruments to be given legal effect without regard to State law.--A military power of attorney--
- (1) is exempt from any requirement of form, substance, formality, or recording that is provided for powers of attorney under the laws of a State; and
 - (2) shall be given the same legal effect as a power of attorney prepared and executed in accordance with the laws of the State concerned.
- (b) Military power of attorney.--For purposes of this section, a military power of attorney is any general or special power of attorney that is notarized in accordance with section 1044a of this title or other applicable State or Federal law.
- (c) Statement to be included.
- (1) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary concerned, each military power of attorney shall contain a statement that sets forth the provisions of subsection (a).
 - (2) Paragraph (1) shall not be construed to make inapplicable the provisions of subsection (a) to a military power of attorney that does not include a statement described in that paragraph.
- (d) State defined.--In this section, the term "State" includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and a possession of the United States.

End.