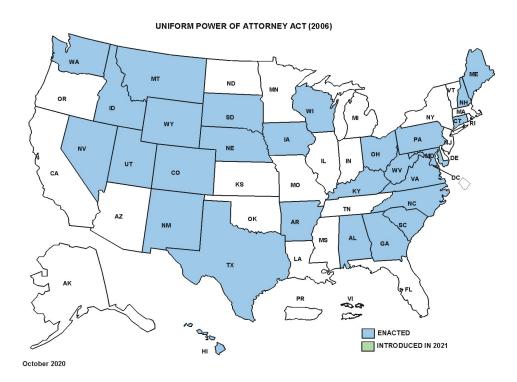


A Few Facts about THE UNIFORM POWER OF ATTORNEY ACT

- PURPOSE: The Uniform Power of Attorney Act (UPOAA) provides a simple way for one person (the "principal") to authorize another person (the "agent") to act on his or her behalf. Although powers of attorney are common across the country, state statutes regulating their use vary widely, causing confusion for principals, agents, and the third parties who deal with agents under a power of attorney. The UPOAA standardizes and modernizes the law of powers of attorney, providing greater protections against abuse and shielding innocent parties from liability. The act also provides a simple, customizable power of attorney form that anyone can use.
- ORIGIN: Completed by the Uniform Law Commission in 2006.
- ENDORSED BY: AARP
- APPROVED BY: American Bar Association; ABA Commission on Law and Aging.

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