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H. R. 5752

To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to authorize the termination of a telephone, multichannel video programming, or internet access service contract by a servicemember who enters into such contract after receiving military orders for permanent change of station but then receives a stop movement order due to an emergency situation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 27, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of California (for himself and Mr. GARCIA of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Emergency Relief for
5 Servicemembers Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF TELEPHONE, MULTICHANNEL**
2 **VIDEO PROGRAMMING, AND INTERNET AC-**
3 **CESS SERVICE CONTRACTS BY SERVICEMEM-**
4 **BERS WHO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS AFTER**
5 **RECEIVING MILITARY ORDERS FOR PERMA-**
6 **NENT CHANGE OF STATION BUT THEN RE-**
7 **CEIVE STOP MOVEMENT ORDERS DUE TO AN**
8 **EMERGENCY SITUATION.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 305A(a)(1) of the
10 Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. 3956) is
11 amended—

12 (1) by striking “after the date the servicemem-
13 ber receives military orders to relocate for a period
14 of not less than 90 days to a location that does not
15 support the contract.” and inserting “after—”; and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
17 paragraphs:

18 “(A) the date the servicemember receives
19 military orders to relocate for a period of not
20 less than 90 days to a location that does not
21 support the contract; or

22 “(B) the date the servicemember, while in
23 military service, receives military orders for a
24 permanent change of station, thereafter enters
25 into the contract, and then after entering into
26 the contract receives a stop movement order

1 issued by the Secretary of Defense in response
2 to a local, national, or global emergency, effective
3 for an indefinite period or for a period of
4 not less than 30 days, which prevents the servicemember from using the services provided
5 under the contract.”.

7 (b) RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.—The amendments
8 made by this section shall apply to stop movement orders
9 issued on or after March 1, 2020.

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