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H. R. 2874

To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to improve the equitable relief available for servicemembers called to active duty, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 15, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Helping Active Duty
5 Deployed Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN CON-**
2 **TRACTS.**

3 (a) **CELLULAR TELEPHONE CONTRACTS.**—Sub-
4 section (a) of section 305A of the Servicemembers Civil
5 Relief Act (50 U.S.C. App. 535A) is amended by inserting
6 after “entered into by the servicemember” the following:
7 “or on behalf of the servicemember”.

8 (b) **RESIDENTIAL AND MOTOR VEHICLE LEASES.**—
9 Subsection (e) of section 305 of such Act (50 U.S.C. App.
10 535) is amended to read as follows:

11 “(e) **ARREARAGES AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS AND**
12 **LIABILITIES.**—

13 “(1) **LEASES OF PREMISES.**—Rent amounts for
14 a lease described in subsection (b)(1) that are un-
15 paid for the period preceding the effective date of
16 the lease termination shall be paid on a prorated
17 basis. The lessor may not impose an early termi-
18 nation charge, but any taxes, summonses, or other
19 obligations and liabilities of the lessee in accordance
20 with the terms of the lease, including reasonable
21 charges to the lessee for excess wear, that are due
22 and unpaid at the time of termination of the lease
23 shall be paid by the lessee.

24 “(2) **LEASES OF MOTOR VEHICLES.**—Lease
25 amounts for a lease described in subsection (b)(2)
26 that are unpaid for the period preceding the effective

1 rollment for which such student did not receive aca-
2 demic credit as a result of such absence.

3 “(2) EXCEPTIONS.—Paragraph (1) shall not
4 apply to the tuition or fees paid on behalf of the stu-
5 dent—

6 “(A) from scholarships awarded to the stu-
7 dent by the institution of higher education; or

8 “(B) through funds awarded under this
9 title.”.

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