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H. R. 2409

[Report No. 115–866]

To allow servicemembers to terminate their cable, satellite television, and Internet access service contracts while deployed.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2017

Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. KILMER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

JULY 24, 2018

Additional sponsors: Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. BRAT, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico, and Mr. CALVERT

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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. TERMINATION OF MULTICHANNEL VIDEO PRO-**
4 **GRAMMING AND INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE**
5 **CONTRACTS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 305A of the
7 Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. 3956) is
8 amended—

9 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “, **MUL-**
10 **TICHANNEL VIDEO PROGRAMMING, AND**
11 **INTERNET ACCESS**” after “**TELEPHONE**”;

12 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “cellular tele-
13 phone service or telephone exchange service” and in-
14 serting “commercial mobile service, telephone ex-
15 change service, Internet access service, or multi-
16 channel video programming service”;

17 (3) in subsection (c), by inserting “for commer-
18 cial mobile service or telephone exchange service” be-
19 fore “terminated”;

20 (4) in subsection (d), in the matter preceding
21 paragraph (1), by striking “cellular telephone serv-
22 ice” and inserting “commercial mobile service”;

23 (5) in subsection (e)—

24 (A) by striking “For any” and inserting
25 the following:

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For any”;

2 (B) by striking “If the” and inserting the
3 following:

4 “(2) REINSTATEMENT OF SERVICE.—If the”;
5 and

6 (C) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(3) RETURN OF PROVIDER-OWNED EQUIP-
8 MENT.—If a servicemember terminates a contract
9 under subsection (a), the servicemember shall return
10 any provider-owned consumer premises equipment to
11 the service provider not later than 10 days after the
12 date on which service is disconnected.”; and

13 (6) in subsection (g)—

14 (A) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
15 paragraph (4); and

16 (B) by striking paragraph (1) and insert-
17 ing the following:

18 “(1) The term ‘commercial mobile service’ has
19 the meaning given that term in section 332(d) of the
20 Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 332(d)).

21 “(2) The term ‘multichannel video program-
22 ming service’ means a subscription video service of-
23 fered by a multichannel video programming dis-
24 tributor, as that term is defined in section 602 of

1 the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 522),
2 over a system the distributor owns or controls.

3 “(3) The term ‘provider-owned consumer prem-
4 ises equipment’ means any equipment that a pro-
5 vider of Internet access service or multichannel video
6 programming service rents or loans to a customer
7 during the provision of that service, including gate-
8 ways, routers, cable modems, voice-capable modems,
9 CableCARDS, converters, digital adapters, remote
10 controls, and any other equipment provided.”.

11 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

12 (1) TITLE HEADING.—The heading for title III
13 of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act is amended
14 by striking “**TELEPHONE**” and inserting
15 “**COMMUNICATIONS**”.

16 (2) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of con-
17 tents in section 1(b) of the Servicemembers Civil Re-
18 lief Act is amended—

19 (A) by striking the item relating to title III
20 and inserting the following:

“TITLE III—RENT, INSTALLMENT CONTRACTS, MORTGAGES,
LIENS, ASSIGNMENT, LEASES, COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE CON-
TRACTS”;

21 and

22 (B) by striking the item relating to section
23 305A and inserting the following:

“Sec. 305A. Termination of telephone, multichannel video programming, and Internet access service contracts.”.

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