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# H. R. 2227

To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to authorize spouses of servicemembers who incur a catastrophic injury or illness or die while in military service to terminate leases of premises and motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 10, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS (for herself, Mr. WENSTRUP, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico, Mr. CROW, Mr. GOLDEN, Mr. CISNEROS, and Mr. PAPPAS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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 “Gold Star Spouses and  
5 Spouses of Injured Servicemembers Leasing Relief Expan-  
6 sion Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF LEASES OF PREMISES AND**  
2 **MOTOR VEHICLES OF SERVICEMEMBERS**  
3 **WHO INCUR CATASTROPHIC INJURY OR ILL-**  
4 **NESS OR DIE WHILE IN MILITARY SERVICE.**

5 (a) CATASTROPHIC INJURIES AND ILLNESSES.—Sub-  
6 section (a) of section 305 of the Servicemembers Civil Re-  
7 lief Act (50 U.S.C. 3955), as amended by section 301 of  
8 the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018 (Public  
9 Law 115–407), is further amended by adding at the end  
10 the following new paragraph:

11 “(4) CATASTROPHIC INJURY OR ILLNESS OF  
12 LESSEE.—The spouse of the lessee on a lease de-  
13 scribed in subsection (b) may terminate the lease  
14 during the one-year period beginning on the date on  
15 which the lessee incurs a catastrophic injury or ill-  
16 ness (as that term is defined in section 439(g) of  
17 title 37, United States Code), if the lessee incurs the  
18 catastrophic injury or illness during a period of mili-  
19 tary service or while performing full-time National  
20 Guard duty, active Guard and Reserve duty, or inac-  
21 tive-duty training (as such terms are defined in sec-  
22 tion 101(d) of title 10, United States Code).”.

23 (b) DEATHS.—Paragraph (3) of such subsection is  
24 amended by striking “in subsection (b)(1)” and inserting  
25 “in subsection (b)”.