

116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4356

To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to allow certain individuals to terminate contracts for telephone, multichannel video programming, or internet access service, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

Mr. HARDER of California (for himself and Mr. WENSTRUP) 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 “Protecting Families
5 of Fallen Servicemembers Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF CONTRACTS FOR TELEPHONE,**
2 **MULTICHANNEL VIDEO PROGRAMMING, OR**
3 **INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE BY CERTAIN IN-**
4 **DIVIDUALS UNDER SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL**
5 **RELIEF ACT.**

6 Section 305A(a) of the Servicemembers Civil Relief
7 Act (50 U.S.C. 3956(a)) is amended by adding at the end
8 the following new paragraph:

9 “(4) ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS COVERED.—For
10 purposes of this section, the following individuals
11 shall be treated as a servicemember covered by para-
12 graph (1):

13 “(A) A spouse or dependent of a service-
14 member who dies while in military service or a
15 spouse or dependent of a member of the reserve
16 components who dies while performing duty de-
17 scribed in subparagraph (C).

18 “(B) A spouse or dependent of a service-
19 member who incurs a catastrophic injury or ill-
20 ness (as that term is defined in section 439(g)
21 of title 37, United States Code), if the service-
22 member incurs the catastrophic injury or illness
23 while performing duty described in subpara-
24 graph (C).

25 “(C) A member of the reserve components
26 performing military service or performing full-

1 time National Guard duty, active Guard and
2 Reserve duty, or inactive-duty training (as such
3 terms are defined in section 101(d) of title 10,
4 United States Code).”.

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