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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LEVIN of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Emergency Relief for
3 Servicemembers Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF TELEPHONE, MULTICHANNEL**
5 **VIDEO PROGRAMMING, AND INTERNET AC-**
6 **CESS SERVICE CONTRACTS BY**
7 **SERVICEMEMBERS WHO ENTER INTO CON-**
8 **TRACTS AFTER RECEIVING MILITARY OR-**
9 **DERS FOR PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION**
10 **BUT THEN RECEIVE STOP MOVEMENT OR-**
11 **DERS DUE TO AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.**

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

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

19 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
20 paragraphs:

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

25 “(B) the date the servicemember, while in
26 military service, receives military orders for a

1 permanent change of station, thereafter enters
2 into the contract, and then after entering into
3 the contract receives a stop movement order
4 issued by the Secretary of Defense in response
5 to a local, national, or global emergency, effec-
6 tive for an indefinite period or for a period of
7 not less than 30 days, which prevents the serv-
8 icemember from using the services provided
9 under the contract.”.

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