

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. HASSAN (for herself and Mr. CRAMER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “Emergency Relief for  
5 Servicemembers Act of 2021”.

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

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

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

16 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
17 paragraphs:

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

22 “(B) the date the servicemember, while in  
23 military service, receives military orders (as de-  
24 fined in section 305(i)) for a permanent change  
25 of station (as defined in section 305(i)), there-  
26 after enters into the contract, and then after

1 entering into the contract receives a stop move-  
2 ment order issued by the Secretary of Defense  
3 in response to a local, national, or global emer-  
4 gency, effective for an indefinite period or for a  
5 period of not less than 30 days, which prevents  
6 the servicemember from using the services pro-  
7 vided under the contract.”.

8 (b) **RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.**—The amendments  
9 made by this Act shall apply to any stop movement order  
10 issued on or after March 1, 2020.