

HR 6225

Improving SCRA and USERRA Protections Act of 2008

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** SD • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Jun 26, 2008
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 1, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Improving SCRA and USERRA Protections Act of 2008 - (Sec. 2) Requires (current law authorizes) the appropriate U.S. district court to use its equity powers in any case in which the court determines it is appropriate, including injunctive relief, to fully vindicate a veteran's employment or reemployment rights under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) with respect to a state or private employer.

(Sec. 3) Amends the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) to require an institution of higher education, when a servicemember is ordered to military service and withdraws or takes a leave of absence from such institution, to: (1) provide a credit or refund to the servicemember of tuition and fees paid for the portion of the program of education for which the servicemember did not receive academic credit after such withdrawal or leave; and (2) provide the servicemember an opportunity to reenroll with the same educational and academic status the servicemember had when activated for service.

Extends the current interest rate cap in SCRA to student loan obligations of members called to military service.

(Sec. 4) Allows servicemembers with deployment orders to terminate or suspend, without fee or penalty, service contracts for services such as phones, utilities, cable television, and Internet access. (Currently, such servicemembers are only permitted to terminate or suspend residential or automobile lease agreements.)

(Sec. 5) Provides penalties under SCRA against creditors for violations of interest rate limits for servicemembers.

(Sec. 6) Allows a military spouse to vote in the same location as the servicemember with respect to federal, state, and local elections.

(Sec. 7) Allows a military spouse to pay taxes in the same state as the servicemember.

(Sec. 8) Provides that compensation of a spouse of a servicemember shall not be considered income within a tax jurisdiction of the United States if, when the compensation is earned, the spouse is not a resident or domiciliary of that jurisdiction, and the jurisdiction is where the servicemember is serving in compliance with military orders.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 1, 2008:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7707)
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR 7/29/2008 H7248-7250)
- **Jul 31, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR 7/29/2008 H7248-7250)
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 31, 2008:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 29, 2008:** Mr. Filner moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 29, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7248-7253)
- **Jul 29, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6225.
- **Jul 29, 2008:** DEBATE - The House resumed debate on H.R. 6225.
- **Jul 29, 2008:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Boozman objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was withdrawn.
- **Jul 28, 2008:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 110-778.
- **Jul 28, 2008:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 497.
- **Jul 16, 2008:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 16, 2008:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 26, 2008:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 26, 2008:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Jun 19, 2008:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 13, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **Jun 10, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 10, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.