

S 3637

A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to extend lease protections for servicemembers under stop movement orders in response to a local, national, or global emergency, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		May 6, 2020
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 6, 2020
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		May 6, 2020
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		May 6, 2020
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		May 6, 2020
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		May 6, 2020
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 6, 2020
Sen. Loeffler, Kelly [R-GA]	R · GA		May 6, 2020
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		May 6, 2020
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		May 6, 2020
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		May 6, 2020
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		May 6, 2020
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		May 6, 2020
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		May 13, 2020
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 13, 2020
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jun 10, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Jun 10, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6767	Identical bill	Sep 30, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
116 HR 6800	Related bill	Jul 23, 2020: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 116-517.

Summary (as of Aug 14, 2020)

This bill provides certain lease protections for service members under stop movement orders in response to a local, national, or global emergency.

A service member may terminate a lease for premises or for a motor vehicle, and may not be charged an early termination fee for doing so, if the service member (1) enters into the lease upon receipt of certain military orders for permanent change of station, deployment with a military unit, or individual support of military operations; and (2) subsequently receives, in response to a local, national, or global emergency, a stop movement order for an indefinite period or at least 30 days.

For the bill to apply in the case of a lease for premises, the stop movement order must prevent the service member or the service member's dependents from occupying the premises.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 14, 2020:** Signed by President.
- **Aug 14, 2020:** Became Public Law No: 116-158.
- **Aug 4, 2020:** Presented to President.
- **Jul 20, 2020:** Mr. Takano asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table and consider.
- **Jul 20, 2020:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H3113)
- **Jul 20, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.
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- **Jul 20, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 15, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 15, 2020:** Received in the House.
- **Jun 15, 2020:** Held at the desk.
- **Jun 10, 2020:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 10, 2020:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S2898-2899)
- **Jun 10, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 10, 2020:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S2898-2899)
- **May 6, 2020:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 6, 2020:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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