

## HR 4356

### Protecting Families of Fallen Servicemembers Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Sep 17, 2019

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**Law:** 116-285 (Enacted Jan 5, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/4356>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Sep 17, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Discharged from	Oct 29, 2019
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Dec 15, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6800	Related bill	Jul 23, 2020: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 116-517.
116 S 2963	Related bill	Dec 3, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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This bill revises the conditions allowing a service member to terminate a commercial mobile, telephone exchange, internet access, or multichannel video programming service contract at any time after the date the service member receives military orders to relocate for at least 90 days to a location that does not support such contract. It treats as individuals covered, and therefore allowed to terminate such a contract (1) a spouse or dependent of a service member who dies while in military service or a member of the reserve components performing full-time or active reserve duty or inactive-duty training; (2) a spouse or dependent of a service member who incurs a catastrophic injury or illness, if the member incurs the injury or illness while in military service or performing such duty; and (3) a member of the reserve components performing such duty.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jan 5, 2021:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 5, 2021:** Became Public Law No: 116-285.
- **Dec 24, 2020:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 16, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 15, 2020:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S7508)
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- **Dec 15, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
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- **Nov 13, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Nov 12, 2019:** Mr. Takano moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 12, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8757-8758)
- **Nov 12, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4356.
- **Nov 12, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8757)
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- **Nov 12, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 29, 2019:** Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity Discharged.
- **Oct 29, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 29, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Oct 2, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **Sep 17, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 17, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.