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Chapter No.: 58

Prime Sponsor: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Military Service Relief Act additional protections.**

Subject: Providing servicemembers protections when terminating, suspending or reinstating contract services.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill allows a person ordered into active service in the uniformed services, or a person already in active service in the uniformed services and transferred:
 - For a period of more than thirty (30) consecutive days, but not more than one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days, to suspend a service contract, or
 - For more than one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days, to terminate or suspend a service contract.
- This bill applies to contract services such as telecommunications, internet, TV, gym memberships and satellite radio.
- So long as the servicemember complies with this bill's notice requirements, suspending or terminating a contract must not subject the servicemember to any penalty, interest, fee, loss of deposit or other costs.
- A holder of a service contract may require the return of tangible property before suspending or terminating the contractual obligations of a servicemember.
- This bill establishes a penalty against a holder of a service contract who knowingly violates the protections in the bill and against a servicemember who obtains protections under the bill through fraudulent means.

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