

HOUSE BILL No. 2464

By Committee on Veterans and Military

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1 AN ACT concerning military service members; relating to consumer
2 protections; termination of certain contracts.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) In addition to the rights and protections described in title
6 III of the servicemembers civil relief act, 50 U.S.C. app. §§ 531 through
7 538, a service member, at any time after the date the service member
8 receives military orders to relocate for a period of service of at least 90
9 days, may terminate or suspend any of the following contracts:

- 10 (1) Telecommunication services;
11 (2) internet services;
12 (3) television services;
13 (4) athletic club or gym memberships; or
14 (5) satellite radio services.

15 (b) (1) A service member terminating or suspending such contract
16 shall do so by submitting to the service provider written or electronic
17 notice and a copy of such member's military orders. Termination or
18 suspension of services under this section shall be effective on the day
19 notice of such termination is delivered to the service provider.

20 (2) A service member who terminates or suspends the provision of
21 services under this section may reinstate the provision of services on the
22 same terms and conditions as originally agreed to with the service provider
23 before the termination or suspension, provided that the service member
24 submits written or electronic notice to the service provider that the service
25 member is no longer on active military service, within 90 days after
26 discharge from active military service.

27 (3) A service member who terminates, suspends or reinstates services
28 under this section shall not be charged a penalty, fee, loss of deposit or any
29 other additional fee due to such termination, suspension or reinstatement.
30 In addition, the service member shall not be liable for payment for services
31 after the effective date of the termination or suspension.

32 (c) As used in this section, "service member" means a member of the
33 army, navy, marine corps, air force, coast guard, Kansas army or air
34 national guard or any branch of the military reserves of the United States.

35 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
36 publication in the statute book.