

As Amended by House Committee

Session of 2018

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

- 11 ~~(A)~~ Telecommunication services;
- 12 ~~(B)~~ internet services;
- 13 ~~(C)~~ television services;
- 14 ~~(D)~~ athletic club or gym memberships; or
- 15 ~~(E)~~ satellite radio services.

16 **(2) The provisions of this section shall not apply to prepaid or no-**
17 **contract service plans.**

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

23 (2) A service member **or service member's spouse** who terminates
24 or suspends the provision of services under this section may reinstate the
25 provision of services on the same terms and conditions as originally agreed
26 to with the service provider before the termination or suspension, **or, if the**
27 **same terms and conditions are no longer offered to any new**
28 **consumers, at the same terms and conditions the service provider**
29 **offers to new consumers**, provided that the service member **or service**
30 **member's spouse** submits written or electronic notice to the service
31 provider that the service member is no longer on active military service,
32 within 90 days after discharge from active military service.

33 (3) A service member **or service member's spouse** who terminates,
34 suspends or reinstates services under this section shall not be charged a
35 penalty, fee, loss of deposit or any other additional fee due to such
36 termination, suspension or reinstatement. In addition, the service member

1 **or service member's spouse** shall not be liable for payment for services
2 after the effective date of the termination or suspension.

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

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