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HOUSE BILL NO. 1537

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 44-102.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to active duty service; contract termination.*

Patrons—Cole, Bell, John J., Edmunds, Levine, Lindsey, Mullin and Rasoul

Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 44-102.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 44-102.1. Rights, benefits, and protections upon call to active duty; contract termination.

A. Any right, benefit, or protection that may accrue to a member of the Virginia National Guard under the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. § 3901 et seq.), as a result of a call to federal active duty service under Title 10 of the United States Code shall be extended to a member of the Virginia National Guard called to active duty service under Title 32 of the United States Code, or to state active duty by the Governor, if the active duty orders are for a period of 30 consecutive days or more. In addition, if a member of the Virginia National Guard is called to state active duty by the Governor, the employer shall ensure that the member has the option of continuing, at the member's expense, his health care coverage, life insurance, or long-term care insurance.

B. Any member of the United States Armed Forces or Virginia National Guard who receives military orders to relocate for a period of service of at least 90 days may, at any time prior to the conclusion of his period of service, terminate a contract for the following services:

1. Telecommunication services;
2. Internet services;
3. Television services;
4. Athletic club or gym memberships; or
5. Satellite radio services.