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HOUSE BILL NO. 1537

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the House Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety
on January 20, 2017)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Cole)

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

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 permanent change of station orders or has received temporary duty orders in excess of three months' duration, his spouse, or his dependent may, at any time prior to the conclusion of his period of service, terminate without penalty a contract for the following services:

1. Telecommunication services;
2. Internet services;
3. Television services;
4. Athletic club or gym memberships;
5. Satellite radio services; or
6. Service for an alarm system as defined in § 15.2-911.

It shall be a violation of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act (§ 59.1-196 et seq.) for a service provider to fail to comply with the provisions of this subsection.