

## 116TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## H. R. 2227

To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to authorize spouses of servicemembers who incur a catastrophic injury or illness or die while in military service to terminate leases of premises and motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 10, 2019

Mrs. Bustos (for herself, Mr. Wenstrup, Ms. Brownley of California, Miss González-Colón of Puerto Rico, Mr. Crow, Mr. Golden, Mr. Cisneros, and Mr. Pappas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

## A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Gold Star Spouses and
- 5 Spouses of Injured Servicemembers Leasing Relief Expan-
- 6 sion Act of 2019".

1	SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF LEASES OF PREMISES AND
2	MOTOR VEHICLES OF SERVICEMEMBERS
3	WHO INCUR CATASTROPHIC INJURY OR ILL-
4	NESS OR DIE WHILE IN MILITARY SERVICE.
5	(a) Catastrophic Injuries and Illnesses.—Sub-
6	section (a) of section 305 of the Servicemembers Civil Re-
7	lief Act (50 U.S.C. 3955), as amended by section 301 of
8	the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018 (Public
9	Law 115–407), is further amended by adding at the end
10	the following new paragraph:
11	"(4) Catastrophic injury or illness of
12	LESSEE.—The spouse of the lessee on a lease de-
13	scribed in subsection (b) may terminate the lease
14	during the one-year period beginning on the date on
15	which the lessee incurs a catastrophic injury or ill-
16	ness (as that term is defined in section 439(g) of
17	title 37, United States Code), if the lessee incurs the
18	catastrophic injury or illness during a period of mili-
19	tary service or while performing full-time National
20	Guard duty, active Guard and Reserve duty, or inac-
21	tive-duty training (as such terms are defined in sec-
22	tion 101(d) of title 10, United States Code).".
23	(b) Deaths.—Paragraph (3) of such subsection is
24	amended by striking "in subsection (b)(1)" and inserting
25	"in subsection (b)".