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

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

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

(1) Telecommunication services;
(2) internet services;
(3) television services;
(4) athletic club or gym memberships; or
(5) satellite radio services.

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

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

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

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

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