

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3356

To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to preempt any squatter's rights established by State law regarding real property owned by a member of the uniformed services.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 13, 2025

Mr. MAST 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 “Service Member Resi-
5 dence Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF ACT: PREEMPTION**
2 **OF SQUATTERS' RIGHTS.**

3 (a) PREEMPTION.—The Servicemembers Civil Relief
4 Act (54 Stat. 1178; 50 U.S.C. 3901 et seq.) is amended
5 by inserting, after section 301, the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 301A. PREEMPTION OF SQUATTER’S RIGHTS.**

7 “Any State law establishing squatter’s rights shall
8 not apply to premises—

9 “(1) owned by a servicemember; and

10 “(2) occupied by a squatter during a period of
11 military service of such servicemember.”.

12 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
13 in section 1(b) of such Act (50 U.S.C. 3901(b)) is amend-
14 ed by inserting after the item relating to section 301 the
15 following new item:

“301A. Preemption of squatter’s rights.”.

