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H. R. 2366

To extend the current Department of Defense telecommunications benefit program through the end of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom and to provide for the application of the program to other contingency operations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 2005

Mr. FILNER (for himself, Mr. PETRI, Mr. SHAYS, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, and Mr. STRICKLAND) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Troops Phone Home
5 Free Extension Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TELE-**
2 **COMMUNICATIONS BENEFIT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) TERMINATION AT END OF CONTINGENCY OPER-
4 ATION.—Subsection (c) of section 344 of the National De-
5 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (Public Law
6 108–136; 117 Stat. 1449), as amended by section 341 of
7 the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization
8 Act for Fiscal Year 2005 (Public Law 108–375; 118 Stat.
9 1857), is further amended by striking “terminate on Sep-
10 tember 30, 2006” and inserting “terminate with respect
11 to a contingency operation on the date that is 60 days
12 after the date on which the Secretary determines that the
13 contingency operation has ended”.

14 (b) APPLICATION TO OTHER CONTINGENCY OPER-
15 ATIONS.—Such section is further amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “Operation
17 Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom”
18 and inserting “a contingency operation”; and

19 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
20 section:

21 “(g) CONTINGENCY OPERATION DEFINED.—In this
22 section, the term ‘contingency operation’ has the meaning
23 given that term in section 101(a)(13) of title 10, United
24 States Code. The term includes Operation Iraqi Freedom
25 and Operation Enduring Freedom.”.

1 (c) EXTENSION TO HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS.—Sub-
2 section (a) of such section is further amended—

3 (1) by striking “As soon as possible after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the” and inserting
5 “The”; and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following new sen-
7 tence: “As soon as possible after the date of the en-
8 actment of the Troops Phone Home Free Extension
9 Act, the Secretary shall extend such telecommuni-
10 cations benefit to members of the Armed Forces
11 who, although no longer covered by the preceding
12 sentence, are hospitalized as a result of wounds or
13 other injuries incurred while serving in direct sup-
14 port of a contingency operation.”.

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