

## SOUTH CAROLINA

### NEW LAW: South Carolina Passes Servicemembers Civil Relief Act

On April 26, 2019, South Carolina governor Henry McMaster signed [HB 3180](#) (the South Carolina Servicemembers Civil Relief Act) into law. This law expands the protections afforded to servicemembers in South Carolina beyond those provided in the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

Specifically, the new law:

- Expands the definition of “military service” to include South Carolina guardsman who are on state active duty, subject to certain requirements.
- Clarifies that a “dependent of a servicemember engaged in military service has the same rights and protections provided to a servicemember” under both the Act and the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.
- Expands contract termination rights for servicemembers receiving “military orders to relocate for a period of service of at least ninety days to a location that does not support the contract,” encompassing phone, internet, TV, and gym subscriptions.

This new law takes immediate effect