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H.B. 3066 Secures Benefits for Texas Service Members While on Active Duty

AUSTIN - H.B. 3066, which Representative Ryan Guillen (D- Rural South Texas) authored, helps ensure that Texas service members receive the same rights and benefits that federal military service members receive when on active duty. The measure also requires phone and cable companies to grant the suspension of services to a service member when they are called to active duty.

"Service members sacrifice so much for our state and country. They shouldn't have to face additional financial burdens," said Guillen. "Our state military forces deserve to be treated with the same respect and granted the same rights as those at the federal level."

While previous law did provide the same rights to state military forces as federal forces, the federal code has been amended over time and the changes did not extend to Texas state military forces members. H.B. 3066 updates state protections to reflect changes made in federal military codes to ensure the equal treatment of Texas soldiers.

Additionally, Guillen helped to reduce unnecessary financial burdens service members face while on active duty. H.B. 3066 allows soldiers called up to active duty to suspend or terminate certain services such as cable, internet, or gym memberships without facing any additional charges from their provider. The measure also requires providers to allow service members to reinstate the service when they return home with no additional fees.

This law took effect September 1st.

Serving ten rural South Texas counties in the Texas House of Representatives, Ryan Guillen is known for his hard work, fierce independence, and relentless efforts for South Texas families. Recently, Capitol Inside called him a "House Bill Machine," and a "one-person assembly line for legislation." Since elected, few other legislators have passed more bills than Guillen. Sign up for updates at ryanguillen.com, facebook.com/representative.guillen, and twitter.com/ryanguillen

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