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To amend title 10, United States Code, to include training regarding financial protections under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act in certain financial literacy training programs for members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. McClain Delaney introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

- To amend title 10, United States Code, to include training regarding financial protections under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act in certain financial literacy training programs for members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.
 - 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 "Improving SCRA Ben-
- 5 efit Utilization Act".

1	SEC. 2. FINANCIAL LITERACY TRAINING REGARDING THE
2	SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF ACT.
3	Section 992 of title 10, United States Code, is
4	amended—
5	(1) in subsection $(a)(1)$ —
6	(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (D)
7	and (E) as subparagraphs (E) and (F), respec-
8	tively; and
9	(B) by inserting, after subparagraph (C),
10	the following new subparagraph (D):
11	"(D) consumer financial protections afforded to
12	members and their dependents under the law, in-
13	cluding protections regarding interest rate limits
14	under section 207 of the Service members Civil Relief
15	Act (50 U.S.C. 3937);"; and
16	(2) in subsection (d)(1), by inserting "(includ-
17	ing with regards to knowledge and use of protections
18	regarding interest rates under section 207 of the
19	Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. 3937))"
20	after "preparedness".
21	SEC. 3. NOTIFICATION OF BENEFITS UNDER THE
22	SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF ACT TO
23	SERVICEMEMBERS CALLED OR ORDERED TO
24	ACTIVE DUTY OR TO ACTIVE SERVICE.
25	Section 105 of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act
26	(50 U.S.C. 3915) is amended—

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1	(1) by striking the period at the end and insert-
2	ing ", including—"; and
3	(2) by adding at the end the following new
4	paragraphs:
5	"(1) at the time a person first enters military
6	service; and
7	((2) in the case of a person who is a member
8	of a reserve component—
9	"(A) at the time the person first enters
10	service in the reserve component; and
11	"(B) at any time when the person is mobi-
12	lized or otherwise individually called or ordered
13	to active duty for a period of more than 30
14	days.".
15	SEC. 4. FINANCIAL INSTITUTION OBLIGATION TO APPLY
16	MAXIMUM RATE OF INTEREST ON ALL SERV-
17	ICEMEMBER DEBTS INCURRED BEFORE MILI-
18	TARY SERVICE.
19	Section 207(b) of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act
20	(50 U.S.C. 3937) is amended—
21	(1) in paragraph (2)—
22	(A) by striking "the creditor shall treat the
23	debt in accordance with subsection (a), effective
24	as of the date on which the servicemember is

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1	called to military service." and inserting "the
2	creditor shall—"; and
3	(B) by adding at the end the following new
4	subparagraphs:
5	"(A) treat the debt in accordance with sub-
6	section (a), effective as of the date on which the
7	servicemember is called to military service; and
8	"(B) treat any other obligation or liability
9	of the service member to the creditor in accord-
10	ance with subsection (a), whether or not such
11	obligation or liability was specifically mentioned
12	in a notice provided by the servicemember
13	under paragraph (1)(A)."; and
14	(2) by adding at the end the following new
15	paragraph:
16	"(3) SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS.—A creditor
17	shall provide all necessary mechanisms to ensure
18	that a servicemember is able to submit any docu-
19	ments required in order for an obligation or liability
20	of the servicemember to be subject to the interest
21	rate limitation in subsection (a) either online, by
22	mail, or by fax, at the election of the servicemem-
23	ber.".