

**SB 737 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Judiciary**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Clarifies reference to "willful" violation of Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Replaces measure. Eliminates damages cap on civil action seeking damages for bodily injury. Retains \$500,000 damages cap on civil action seeking damages for wrongful death. Applies to actions in which final judgment not yet entered. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act is a federal law that protects members of the military from adverse financial and legal consequences that may result when a servicemember is deployed.