

## ARTICLE 87A.

## SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' CIVIL RELIEF.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS.

1. In order to provide for, strengthen, and expedite the national defense under the emergency conditions which are threatening the peace and security of the United States and to enable the United States the more successfully to fulfill the requirements of the national defense, provision is hereby made to suspend enforcement of civil liabilities, in certain cases of persons in the military service of the United States in order to enable such persons to devote their entire energy to the defense needs of the nation, and to this end the following provisions are made for the temporary suspension of legal proceedings and transactions which may prejudice the civil rights of persons in such service during the period herein specified over which this Article remains in force.

2. (1) The term "persons in military service" and the term "persons in the military service of the United States", as used in this Article, shall include the following persons and no others: All members of the Army of the United States, the United States Navy, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, and all officers of the Public Health Service detailed by proper authority for duty either with the Army or the Navy. The term "military service", as used in this Article, shall signify Federal service on active duty with any branch of service heretofore referred to or mentioned as well as training or education under the supervision of the United States preliminary to induction into the military service. The terms "active service" or "active duty" shall include the period during which a person in military service is absent from duty on account of sickness, wounds, leave, or other lawful cause.

(2) The term "period of military service", as used in this Article, shall include the time between the following dates: For persons in active service it shall begin on October 17, 1940; for persons entering active service after October 17, 1940, with the date of entering active service. It shall terminate with the date of discharge from active service or death while in active service, but in no case later than the date when this Article ceases to be in force.

(3) The term "person", when used in this Article with reference to the holder of any right alleged to exist against a person in military service or against a person secondarily liable under such right, shall include individuals, partnerships, corporations, and any other forms of business association.