

**§ 127B-31. Stay of court proceedings because of military service.**

(a) At any stage of any civil action or proceeding in which a servicemember engaged in military service is a party, the court may stay the action or proceeding on its own motion and shall stay the action or proceeding on application by the servicemember, or by a person acting on behalf of the servicemember, unless the court finds that the ability of the servicemember to litigate is not materially affected by his or her military service.

(b) This section applies during the servicemember's military service and within 60 days after the military service terminates. (1997-153, s. 5; 2011-195, s. 1(a); 2019-161, s. 1(b).)