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## 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2005

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No. 522

H.P. 398

House of Representatives, February 1, 2005

An Act To Provide the Same Exemption from Jury Duty to Veterinarians as Granted to Medical Doctors

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. Macfarland
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Clerk

Presented by Representative PARADIS of Frenchville.
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and
Representatives: ASH of Belfast, COLLINS of Wells, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach,
JACKSON of Fort Kent, JENNINGS of Leeds, TWOMEY of Biddeford, WEBSTER of
Freeport, WHEELER of Kittery.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as	is follows:	`Maine a	State of	the	ople of	he Peo	by tl	enacted	Be it
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Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §1211, as amended by PL 1985, c. 608, is further amended to read:

### §1211. Disqualifications and exemptions from jury service

8 A prospective juror is disqualified to serve on a jury if he that prospective juror is not a citizen of the United States, 18 10 years eld of age and a resident of the county, or is unable to read, speak and understand the English language. The following 12 persons are exempt from serving as jurors: The Governor, judges, providing active physicians and dentists patient care, veterinarians with or in an active veterinary medicine practice, 14 sheriffs, attorneys-at-law and all persons exempt under Title 37-B, section 185. 16

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#### **SUMMARY**

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Current law exempts certain persons from jury duty, such as physicians and dentists providing active patient care.

This bill also exempts from jury duty veterinarians who are employed in or have an active veterinary medicine practice.