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An Act To Exempt Certain Parents and Caretakers from Jury Duty

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BRYANT of Windham.
Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and
Representatives: GROSE of Woolwich, PATRICK of Rumford, PERRY of Calais.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §1211**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 60, §1, is repealed and the
3 following enacted in its place:

4 **§1211. Disqualifications and exemptions from jury service**

5 **1. Disqualification.** A prospective juror is disqualified to serve on a jury if that
6 prospective juror is not a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age and a
7 resident of the county or is unable to read, speak and understand the English language.

8 **2. Exemption.** The following persons are exempt from serving as jurors:

9 A. The Governor;

10 B. Judges;

11 C. Physicians and dentists providing active patient care;

12 D. Veterinarians with or in an active veterinary medicine practice;

13 E. Sheriffs;

14 F. Attorneys-at-law;

15 G. All persons exempt under Title 37-B, section 185;

16 H. A mother who is breast-feeding a child;

17 I. A parent of a child who has not attained 10 years of age if the court determines
18 that service of the parent as a juror would jeopardize the safety of the child; and

19 J. A caretaker of an elderly or disabled person if that person requires full-time
20 attention from the caretaker.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 In addition to those currently exempted for jury duty, this bill exempts from jury duty
23 a mother who is breast-feeding a child; a parent of child who has not attained 10 years of
24 age if the court determines that service of the parent as a juror would jeopardize the safety
25 of the child; and a caretaker of an elderly or disabled person if that person requires full-
26 time attention from the caretaker.