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An Act To Exempt Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants in Active Patient Care from Jury Service

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HOBBS of York.
Cosponsored by Representative: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford.

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2 **Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §1211**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 60, §1, is repealed and the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, not at least 18 years of age or not 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, dentists, nurse practitioners and physician assistants providing active
12 patient care;

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

14 E. Sheriffs;

15 F. Attorneys-at-law; and

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

17 **SUMMARY**

18 In addition to those currently exempted from jury service, this bill exempts from jury
19 service nurse practitioners and physician assistants providing active patient care.