
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BREASTFEEDING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that breastfeeding is
2 essential to the health and development of an infant. The
3 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of
4 Health and Human Services encourage breastfeeding to provide
5 health benefits to both the mother and infant, which in turn
6 reduces immediate and long-term health care costs. The
7 legislature further finds that breastfeeding mothers often need
8 privacy for breastfeeding, as well as a significant amount of
9 undisturbed time, especially when the infant is a newborn who
10 requires very frequent feedings.

11 The purpose of this Act is to amend section 612-6, Hawaii
12 Revised Statutes, to expand the exemption from jury service to
13 include breastfeeding mothers.

14 SECTION 2. Section 612-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 "**§612-6 Exempt when.** A person may claim exemption from
17 service as a juror if the person is:



- 1 (1) An elected official while the legislature is in
2 session, or a judge of the United States, State, or
3 county;
- 4 (2) An actively practicing physician or dentist;
- 5 (3) A member of the armed forces or militia when on active
6 service and deployed out-of-state;
- 7 (4) An active member of a police or fire department;
- 8 (5) A person who has served as a juror, either in a court
9 of this State or the United States District Court for
10 the District of Hawaii, within one year preceding the
11 time of filling out the juror qualification form;
- 12 (6) An active member of an emergency medical services
13 agency;
- 14 (7) A person living more than seventy miles from the court
15 for which jury service is required; ~~[or]~~
- 16 (8) A person eighty years of age or older~~[or]~~; or
- 17 (9) A mother of a breastfeeding child, until the mother is
18 no longer breastfeeding.

19 For purposes of this section, "emergency medical services
20 agency" means any government agency, private agency, or company
21 that provides ambulance services, emergency medical services, or
22 disaster medical services."



1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.
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