
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM JURY DUTY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that due to the critical
2 roles that physicians, members of the armed forces, police,
3 firefighters, and emergency medical service members play in
4 ensuring the safety of the public welfare in emergency
5 situations, those individuals are currently exempt from jury
6 duty pursuant to section 612-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The
7 legislature also finds that, pursuant to chapter 127A, Hawaii
8 Revised Statutes, the Hawaii emergency management agency and the
9 county emergency management agencies serve essential, critical,
10 and unique roles and functions in providing emergency management
11 services in the State. The legislature further finds that it is
12 important to eliminate any hindrances that active members of
13 those agencies may face in serving in their roles.

14 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to exempt from jury
15 duty any active member of the Hawaii emergency management agency
16 or any county emergency management agency.



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

3 "§612-6 Exempt when. (a) A person may claim exemption
4 from service as a juror if the person is:

- 5 (1) An elected official while the legislature is in
6 session, or a judge of the United States, State, or
7 county;
- 8 (2) An actively practicing physician or dentist;
- 9 (3) A member of the armed forces or militia when on active
10 service and deployed out-of-state;
- 11 (4) An active member of a police or fire department;
- 12 (5) A person who has served as a juror, either in a court
13 of this State or the United States District Court for
14 the District of Hawaii, within one year preceding the
15 time of filling out the juror qualification form;
- 16 (6) An active member of an emergency medical services
17 agency;
- 18 (7) A person living more than seventy miles from the court
19 for which jury service is required;
- 20 (8) A person eighty years of age or older; [~~or~~]



1 (9) A woman who is breastfeeding a child or expressing
2 breast milk for a period of two years from the birth
3 of the child[-];

4 (10) An active member of the Hawaii emergency management
5 agency; or

6 (11) An active member of a county emergency management
7 agency established pursuant to section 127A-5.

8 (b) For purposes of this section, "emergency medical
9 services agency" means any government agency, private agency, or
10 company that provides ambulance services, emergency medical
11 services, or disaster medical services."

12 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



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Jury Duty; Exemptions; Emergency Management

Description:

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