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JAN 2 2 2021

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 ensuring the safety of the public welfare in emergency 4 5 situations, those individuals are currently exempt from jury duty pursuant to section 612-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes. 6 The legislature also finds that, pursuant to chapter 127A, Hawaii 7 8 Revised Statutes, the Hawaii emergency management agency and 9 county emergency management agencies serve essential, critical, and unique roles and functions to provide emergency management 10 for the State. The legislature therefore finds that it is 11 12 important that active members of those agencies face no 13 hindrances in serving in their roles. However, under existing 14 law, active members of emergency management agencies are not 15 exempt from jury duty.

16 The purpose of this Act is to facilitate the implementation17 of the policy and purpose of chapter 127A, Hawaii Revised

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1	Statutes, by exempting active members of the Hawaii emergency		
2	management agency and county emergency management agencies from		
3	jury duty.		
4	SECTION 2. Section 612-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is		
5	amended to read as follows:		
6	"§61	2-6 Exempt when. (a) A person may claim exemption	
7	from service as a juror if the person is:		
8	(1)	An elected official while the legislature is in	
9		session, or a judge of the United States, State, or	
10		county;	
11	(2)	An actively practicing physician or dentist;	
12	(3)	A member of the armed forces or militia when on active	
13		service and deployed out-of-state;	
14	(4)	An active member of a police or fire department;	
15	(5)	A person who has served as a juror, either in a court	
16		of this State or the United States District Court for	
17		the District of Hawaii, within one year preceding the	
18		time of filling out the juror qualification form;	
19	(6)	An active member of an emergency medical services	
20		agency;	

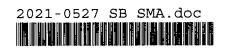
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1	(7)	A person living more than seventy miles from the court
2		for which jury service is required;
3	(8)	A person eighty years of age or older; [or]
4	(9)	A woman who is breastfeeding a child or expressing
5		breast milk for a period of two years from the birth
6		of the child [-] :
7	(10)	An active member of the Hawaii emergency management
8		agency; or
9	(11)	An active member of a county emergency management
10		agency established pursuant to section 127A-5.
11	<u>(b)</u>	For purposes of this section, "emergency medical
12	services	agency" means any government agency, private agency, or
13	company t	hat provides ambulance services, emergency medical
14	services,	or disaster medical services."
15	SECT	ION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16	and stric	ken. New statutory material is underscored.
17	SECT	ION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.
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Report Title:

Jury Duty; Exemptions; Emergency Management

Description:

Exempts active members of the Hawaii emergency management agency and county emergency management agencies from jury duty.

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