

JURY DUTY EXEMPTION AMENDMENTS

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Mike K. McKell

Senate Sponsor: Deidre M. Henderson

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions relating to exemptions from jury service.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ provides that a mother who is breastfeeding a child may be excused from jury service; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

78B-1-109, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 3

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **78B-1-109** is amended to read:

78B-1-109. Excuse from jury service -- Postponement.

(1) A ~~[person may be excused]~~ court may excuse an individual from jury service ~~[by the court]~~;



- 28 (a) upon a showing:
- 29 (i) of undue hardship~~[-];~~
- 30 (ii) of public necessity~~[-];~~
- 31 (iii) that the individual is a mother who is breastfeeding a child; or
- 32 (iv) that the ~~[person]~~ individual is incapable of jury service~~[-. The excused period may~~
- 33 ~~be]; and~~
- 34 (b) for any period for which the grounds described in Subsection (1)(a) exist.
- 35 ~~(2) [The grounds for excusal from jury service shall be shown]~~ An individual described
- 36 in Subsection (1) shall make the showing described in Subsection (1)(a) by affidavit, sworn
- 37 testimony, or other competent evidence.
- 38 (3) The court may postpone jury service upon a showing of good cause.

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