
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO JURY DUTY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that advanced practice
2 registered nurses in the State have full practice authority and
3 provide primary and specialist care to the elderly, disabled,
4 and all people in the State. The legislature further finds that
5 the care provided by advanced practice registered nurses is
6 comparable in outcomes to the care provided by physicians. With
7 advances in legislation to improve access to advanced practice
8 registered nurse care, many advanced practice registered nurses
9 have been able to establish freestanding practices under their
10 own professional corporations similar to those of physicians.
11 Currently, under section 612-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, of all
12 healthcare professionals, only physicians and dentists are
13 exempt from serving jury duty. Removing an advanced practice
14 registered nurse from the nurse's daily practice to serve on a
15 jury deprives patients of needed health care services and can be
16 a financial hardship for an advanced practice registered nurse
17 who owns a practice and is responsible for overhead costs. The



1 legislature also finds that a jury duty exemption does not
2 preclude a person from jury duty service if the person chooses
3 to serve.

4 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to allow actively
5 practicing advanced practice registered nurses to claim
6 exemption from service as a juror.

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

9 **"§612-6 Exempt when.** A person may claim exemption from
10 service as a juror if the person is:

- 11 (1) An elected official while the legislature is in
12 session, or a judge of the United States, State, or
13 county;
- 14 (2) An actively practicing physician, advanced practice
15 registered nurse, or dentist;
- 16 (3) A member of the armed forces or militia when on active
17 service and deployed out-of-state;
- 18 (4) An active member of a police or fire department;
- 19 (5) A person who has served as a juror, either in a court
20 of this State or the United States District Court for



the District of Hawaii, within one year preceding the time of filling out the juror qualification form;

- (6) An active member of an emergency medical services agency;
- (7) A person living more than seventy miles from the court for which jury service is required;
- (8) A person eighty years of age or older; or
- (9) A woman who is breastfeeding a child or expressing breast milk for a period of two years from the birth of the child.

11 For purposes of this section, "emergency medical services
12 agency" means any government agency, private agency, or company
13 that provides ambulance services, emergency medical services, or
14 disaster medical services."

15 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Jury Duty; Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; Exemption

Description:

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