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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO JURORS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that under existing
2 statute, self-employed advanced practice registered nurses are
3 not able to claim an exemption from jury service. Due to the
4 nature of self-employment, these advanced practice registered
5 nurses may face loss of income or financial hardship if called
6 for jury service.

7 The legislature further finds that the State is currently
8 facing a severe shortage of healthcare providers. Advanced
9 practice registered nurses are recognized in Hawaii as primary
10 care providers and provide critical patient care throughout the
11 State. To ensure that patient access to care is not
12 compromised, it is essential that self-employed advanced
13 practice registered nurses be able to serve their patients as
14 needed.

15 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to enable self-
16 employed advanced practice registered nurses to claim an
17 exemption from service as a juror, similar to the exemption



1 currently offered to actively practicing physicians and
2 dentists.

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

5 **"§612-6 Exempt when.** A person may claim exemption from
6 service as a juror if the person is:

7 (1) An elected official while the legislature is in
8 session, or a judge of the United States, State, or
9 county;

10 (2) An actively practicing physician or dentist;

11 (3) A self-employed advanced practice registered nurse;

12 [~~+3~~] (4) A member of the armed forces or militia when on
13 active service and deployed out-of-state;

14 [~~+4~~] (5) An active member of a police or fire department;

15 [~~+5~~] (6) A person who has served as a juror, either in a
16 court of this State or the United States District
17 Court for the District of Hawaii, within one year
18 preceding the time of filling out the juror
19 qualification form;

20 [~~+6~~] (7) An active member of an emergency medical services
21 agency;



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1 ~~[-7-]~~ (8) A person living more than seventy miles from the
2 court for which jury service is required; or

3 ~~[-8-]~~ (9) A person eighty years of age or older.

4 For purposes of this section, "emergency medical services
5 agency" means any government agency, private agency, or company
6 that provides ambulance services, emergency medical services, or
7 disaster medical services."

8 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Description:

Enables self-employed advanced practice registered nurses to claim an exemption from jury service.

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