

1 S.217

2 Introduced by Senator Bartlett

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Judiciary; jury duty; automatic exemption

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to provide automatic exemptions to  
7 jury service for breastfeeding mothers; parents immediately following the  
8 birth, delivery, or adoption of their child; and persons who are responsible for  
9 the daily care of an immediate family member who is a vulnerable adult.

10 An act relating to a family caregiver exemption from jury duty

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 Sec. 1. 4 V.S.A. § 962(b) is amended to read:

13 (b)(1) ~~No~~ Except as provided by subdivision (2) of this subsection, no  
14 person shall be automatically excused from jury service; however, the  
15 presiding judge may excuse a person for all or part of the two-year period upon  
16 individual request showing undue hardship on the prospective juror or the  
17 employer.

18 (2) The following persons shall be automatically excused from jury  
19 service upon a reasonable demonstration of proof:

20 (A) The mother of a breastfed child.

1           (B) Parents for a period of 12 weeks following the birth, delivery, or  
2           adoption of their child.

3           (C) A person who is responsible for the daily care of an immediate  
4           family member who is a vulnerable adult as defined by 33 V.S.A. § 6902.