

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SEYFERT, ROBERTS, HORSEY AND RAMOS, SEPTEMBER 23, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for
3 exemptions from jury duty.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 4503 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 4503. Exemptions from jury duty.

9 (a) General rule.--No person shall be exempt or excused from
10 jury duty except the following:

11 (1) Persons in active service of the armed forces of the
12 United States or of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

13 (2) Persons who have served within three years next
14 preceding on any jury except a person who served as a juror
15 for fewer than three days in any one year in which case the
16 exemption period shall be one year.

17 (3) Persons demonstrating to the court undue hardship or

1 extreme inconvenience may be excused permanently or for such
2 period as the court determines is necessary, and if excused
3 for a limited period shall, at the end of the period, be
4 assigned to the next jury array.

5 (4) Persons who are 70 years of age or older and who
6 request that they be exempted or excused from jury duty.

7 (b) Challenges.--This subchapter shall not affect the
8 existing practice with respect to peremptory challenges and
9 challenges for cause.

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.