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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

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GROVE AND PASHINSKI, APRIL 6, 2015

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 6, 2015

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AN ACT

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

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

6 Section 1. Section 4503(a) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding paragraphs 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:

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12 (6) Parents or guardians who have custody of a child  
13 under seven years of age, who are the primary caregivers of  
14 the child and who opt not to serve.

15 (7) Parents or guardians who have custody of a school-  
16 age child who has been excused from compulsory attendance at  
17 school or a special education program, who provide

1 instruction for the child and who opt not to serve.

2 (8) Persons who are primary caregivers of an elderly or  
3 disabled family member and who opt not to serve.

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