

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2102 Session of
2014

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COX, GILLEN, MURT, QUINN, McCARTER, DeLUCA, COHEN AND KORTZ,
MARCH 17, 2014

AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SEPTEMBER 23, 2014

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 and for list
4 of disqualified jurors.

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

7 Section 1. Section 4503(a) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding ~~a paragraph~~ <--

9 PARAGRAPHS to read: <--

10 § 4503. Exemptions from jury duty.

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

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14 (6) Persons 75 years of age or older who opt not to
15 serve.

16 (7) BREASTFEEDING WOMEN PROVIDING THE COURT WITH A <--

17 CERTIFIED LETTER FROM THEIR PHYSICIAN WHICH STATES THAT THE

1 WOMAN IS BREASTFEEDING. AN EXCUSE UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL
2 BE VALID FOR ONE YEAR AND MAY BE RENEWED FOR ONE ADDITIONAL
3 YEAR PROVIDED THAT THE WOMAN IS ABLE TO PROVIDE THE COURT
4 WITH A CERTIFIED LETTER FROM THE WOMAN'S PHYSICIAN WHICH
5 STATES THAT THE WOMAN IS BREASTFEEDING.

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7 Section 2. Section 4523 of Title 42 is amended by adding a
8 subsection to read:

9 § 4523. List of disqualified jurors.

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11 (c) Persons aged 75 years or older.--A person who is exempt
12 or excused from jury duty under section 4503(a)(6) (relating to
13 exemptions from jury duty) may petition the jury selection
14 commission to have the person's name placed on the list of
15 disqualified jurors. A person placed on the list may, at any
16 time, petition for removal of the person's name from the list
17 unless the person is disqualified under section 4502 (relating
18 to qualifications of jurors).

19 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.