

CHAPTER 86

COURTS

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also SENATOR(S) Kerr, Aguilar, Donovan, Guzman, Heath, Johnston, Jones, Kefalas, Merrifield, Newell, Steadman, Todd, Ulibarri.

AN ACT**CONCERNING THE POSTPONEMENT OF JURY SERVICE FOR A PERSON WHO IS BREAST-FEEDING A CHILD.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-71-119.5, **amend** (2) (e); and **add** (2.5) as follows:

13-71-119.5. Persons entitled to be excused from jury service. (2) (e) A person who requests to be excused under the provisions of this subsection (2) may provide the judge or jury commissioner documentation that supports the request to be excused, including but not limited to medical statements, ~~from licensed physicians~~, proof of dependency or guardianship, or other similar documents. The judge or jury commissioner may excuse a person if the documentation clearly supports the request to be excused. The documents comprising the documentation described in this subsection (2) shall not be deemed public records and shall not be disclosed to the public.

(2.5) A PERSON WHO IS BREAST-FEEDING A CHILD AND IS TEMPORARILY UNABLE TO OR CHOOSES NOT TO LEAVE THE CHILD IN ORDER TO SERVE ON A JURY MUST BE EXCUSED TEMPORARILY FROM SERVICE AS A JUROR FOR UP TO TWO CONSECUTIVE TWELVE-MONTH POSTPONEMENTS. THE JUDGE OR JURY COMMISSIONER MAY REQUEST A MEDICAL STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE POSTPONEMENT. A MEDICAL STATEMENT PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2.5) IS NOT A PUBLIC RECORD AND MUST NOT BE DISCLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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