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Introduced by Sens. MONTGOMERY, COMRIE, PERKINS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the judiciary law, in relation to providing an exemption from jury duty for breastfeeding women

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph 2 of subdivision (a) of section 517 of the judi-1 2 ciary law, as added by chapter 86 of the laws of 1995, is amended to 3 read as follows: 4 (2) An application for postponement of jury service shall be granted 5 hereunder provided: (i) such service has not already been postponed or 6 excused, (ii) the application is made at such time and in such manner as 7 the commissioner of jurors requires, [and] (iii) the postponement is to 8 a date certain when the court is in session not more than six months 9 after the date on which such service otherwise is to commence and such 10 date is selected by the prospective juror, and (iv) the prospective 11 juror is a breastfeeding mother. To grant an application for postpone-12 ment of jury service for subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph, the 13 prospective juror must submit a note from a physician.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in <u>italics</u> (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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