STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 31, 2024

Introduced by M. of A. O'DONNELL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the judiciary law, in relation to exempting senior citizens with physical health and/or mobility issues from jury duty

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

Section 1. The judiciary law is amended by adding a new section 511 to read as follows:

§ 511. Senior citizens exempt from jury duty. 1. Upon claiming exemption therefrom, a prospective juror who is seventy-two years of age or older, shall be exempt from jury duty.

2. To claim exemption from jury duty pursuant to subdivision one of this section, a senior citizen shall be required to submit a doctor's note claiming physical health and/or mobility issues.

3. The chief administrator of the courts shall prescribe a form to be used therefor. Any qualified person may file such form with the appropriate commissioner of jurors who shall thereupon exempt such person from jury duty. Such exemption shall remain valid unless such exempted person requests to be reinstated as a prospective juror in a form and manner as promulgated by the chief administrator of the courts.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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