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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

## AN ACT

To repeal section 494.430, RSMo 1994, relating to persons entitled to be excused from jury duty, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the same subject.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 494.430, RSMo 1994, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 494.430, to read as follows:

494.430. Upon timely application to the court, the following persons shall be excused from service as a petit or grand juror:

- (1) Any person actually performing the duties of a clergyman;
- (2) Any person who has served on a state or federal petit or grand jury within the preceding [year] **two years**;
- (3) Any person whose absence from his regular place of employment would, in the judgment of the court, tend materially and adversely to affect the public safety, health, welfare or interest;
- (4) Any person upon whom service as a juror would in the judgment of the court impose an extreme hardship;
- (5) Any person licensed to engage in and actively engaged in the practice of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, dentistry or pharmacy[.], **or as a registered nurse**;
- (6) Any person who so requests in writing that lives more than five miles from the county seat, who does not have his or her own transportation;**
- (7) Any person upon whom such service would impose a financial hardship;**
- (8) Any person more than seventy years of age;**

**EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

**(9) Any person having active care and custody of a child less than twelve years of age whose health or safety would be jeopardized by the person's absence;**

**(10) Any person who is essential to the care of an aged infirm person;**

**(11) Any person whose services are essential to the operation of a business, commercial or agricultural enterprise that it must close or cease to function if the person is required to perform jury duty;**

**(12) Any person who serves without compensation as a volunteer fire fighter or a member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew for a federal, state or local government agency.**

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