

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5183

To exempt breastfeeding women from jury duty, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 19, 2019

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Breastfeeding Mothers
5 Jury Duty Exclusion Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. JURY DUTY EXEMPTION FOR BREASTFEEDING**
7 **WOMEN.**

8 (a) COURTS OF THE UNITED STATES.—Section 1866
9 of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (c), by inserting after “Except
2 as provided” the following: “in subsection (h) of this
3 section,”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(h) An individual who is a breastfeeding woman
6 summoned for jury service shall be excused by the court,
7 or by the clerk under supervision of the court if the court’s
8 jury selection plan so authorizes, upon the individual’s re-
9 quest.”.

10 (b) COURTS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Sec-
11 tion 11–1908(b), District of Columbia Official Code, is
12 amended—

13 (1) by striking “or (4)” and inserting “(4)”;
14 and

15 (2) by striking the period at the end of the first
16 sentence and inserting the following: “; or (5) ex-
17 cluded by the Court upon the request of the indi-
18 vidual if the individual is a breastfeeding woman.”.

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