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Introduced by Representatives Till of Jericho, Carroll of Bennington, Fegard
of Berkshire, James of Manchester, Jerome of Brandon,
LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Ode of
Burlington, Scheu of Middlebury, Sullivan of Burlington, and
Townsend of South Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Judiciary; jury duty; automatic exemption

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to provide automatic exemptions to
jury service for breastfeeding mothers and parents immediately following the
birth, delivery, or adoption of their child.

An act relating to a parental exemption from jury duty

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 4 V.S.A. § 962(b) is amended to read:

(b)(1) ~~No~~ Except as provided by subdivision (2) of this subsection, no
person shall be automatically excused from jury service; however, the
presiding judge may excuse a person for all or part of the two-year period upon
individual request showing undue hardship on the prospective juror or the
employer.

1 (2) The following persons shall be excused from jury service upon a
2 reasonable demonstration of proof:

3 (A) A mother who is breastfeeding her child.

4 (B) A parent for a period of 12 weeks following the birth, delivery, or
5 adoption of his or her child.

6 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.