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HOUSE BILL 15-1164

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Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE POSTPONEMENT OF JURY SERVICE FOR A PERSON
102 WHO IS BREAST-FEEDING A CHILD.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill permits a person who is breast-feeding a child to be temporarily excused from jury service for up to 2 years. The judge or jury commission may require documentation in support of the postponement.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-71-119.5, **add**
2 (2.5) as follows:

3 **13-71-119.5. Persons entitled to be excused from jury service.**

4 (2.5) A PERSON WHO IS BREAST-FEEDING A CHILD AND IS TEMPORARILY
5 UNABLE TO OR CHOOSES NOT TO LEAVE THE CHILD IN ORDER TO SERVE ON
6 A JURY MUST BE EXCUSED TEMPORARILY FROM SERVICE AS A JUROR FOR
7 UP TO TWO CONSECUTIVE TWELVE-MONTH POSTPONEMENTS. THE JUDGE
8 OR JURY COMMISSIONER MAY REQUEST A PHYSICIAN'S NOTE OR MEDICAL
9 STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE POSTPONEMENT. A PHYSICIAN'S NOTE OR
10 MEDICAL STATEMENT PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2.5) IS
11 NOT A PUBLIC RECORD AND MUST NOT BE DISCLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

12 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
13 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
14 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.