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**By: Harford County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 16, 1996

Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Courts - Jury Service - Exemption for Member of Organized Militia**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the exemption from jury service for a member of the  
4 organized militia by requiring that the member's service as a juror would directly  
5 interfere with the member's active militia service in order to qualify for the  
6 exemption; and generally relating to the exemption from jury service for members of  
7 the organized militia.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
10 Section 8-209(a)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

16 8-209.

17 (a) The only persons exempt from jury service are:

18 (1) A member of the organized militia who is certified by the military  
19 department as a member IF SERVICE AS A JUROR WOULD DIRECTLY INTERFERE WITH  
20 THE MEMBER'S ACTIVE MILITIA SERVICE; and

21 (2) A person who is 70 years old or older who has made a written request to  
22 the jury commissioner or clerk for an exemption.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 1996.