

(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate K. Kelly**
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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Courts - Jury Duty - Exemptions**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting sheriffs and certain police and fire department chiefs
4 from jury service under certain circumstances; and generally relating to an
5 exemption from jury service for sheriffs and certain police and fire department
6 chiefs under certain circumstances.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
9 Section 8-209(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

15 8-209.

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

17 (1) A member of the organized militia who is certified by the military
18 department as a member; [and]

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

21 (3) THE SHERIFF OF A COUNTY;

22 (4) THE CHIEF OR HIGHEST RANKING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF
23 EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES WHO HAS MADE A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE
24 JURY COMMISSIONER OR CLERK FOR AN EXEMPTION:

25 (I) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE;

1 (II) THE BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT;

2 (III) THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, BUREAU, OR FORCE OF A COUNTY, A
3 BICOUNTY AGENCY, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL
4 SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, THE DEPARTMENT
5 OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
6 RESOURCES, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND;

7 (IV) THE BALTIMORE CITY SCHOOL POLICE FORCE;

8 (V) THE MASS TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION POLICE FORCE OF THE
9 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION;

10 (VI) THE MARYLAND PORT ADMINISTRATION POLICE FORCE OF THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION;

12 (VII) THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY POLICE FORCE;

13 (VIII) THE INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES UNIT OF THE COMPTROLLER'S
14 OFFICE;

15 (IX) THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BALTIMORE CITY POLICE FORCE;

16 (X) THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL; AND

17 (XI) THE CROFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND

18 (5) WITH RESPECT TO A FIRE DEPARTMENT WHOSE MEMBERS ARE
19 COMPENSATED BY A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OR A UNIT OF A COUNTY
20 OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, THE CHIEF OR THE HIGHEST RANKING OFFICER WHO
21 HAS MADE A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE JURY COMMISSIONER OR CLERK FOR AN
22 EXEMPTION.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
24 effect October 1, 2002.