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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 575 (Senator Hughes) (By Request)
Judicial Proceedings

Jury Duty - Exemption - Religious Beliefs

This bill exempts from jury duty a person whose religious beliefs prohibit the person from serving on a jury.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal. Any expense incurred in printing revised juror qualification forms could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: Minimal. Any expense incurred in printing revised juror qualification forms could be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The only persons who are exempt from jury service are:

- a member of the organized militia who is certified by the Military Department as a member; and
 - a person who is 70 years old or older who has made a written request for an exemption.
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Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 1018 (Delegate Marriott) – Rules and Executive Nominations.

Information Source(s): State's Attorneys' Association, Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Office of the Public Defender, Department of Legislative Services

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