

# HOUSE BILL 1171

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By: **Delegate Bohanan**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Volunteer Fire Department, Rescue Company, or EMS Program – Exemption**  
3 **from Jury Duty**

4 FOR the purpose of exempting a certain member of a volunteer fire department,  
5 rescue company, or emergency medical services program from jury duty under  
6 certain circumstances; requiring the individual to qualify as a member of a  
7 certain length of service award program and to ask the jury commissioner, in  
8 writing, for an exemption; and generally relating to exemptions from jury duty.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
11 Section 8–306  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

16 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

17 8–306.

18 An individual is exempt from jury service only if the individual:

19 (1) Is at least 70 years old and asks the jury commissioner, in writing,  
20 for an exemption;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   (2)    Is an elected official of the federal Legislative Branch, as defined in  
2 2 U.S.C. § 30a;

3                   (3)    Is an active duty member of the armed forces exempted in  
4 accordance with 10 U.S.C. § 982; [or]

5                   (4)    Is a member of the organized militia exempted in accordance with  
6 § 13–218 of the Public Safety Article; **OR**

7                   **(5)    IS A MEMBER OF A VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
8 VOLUNTEER RESCUE COMPANY, OR VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
9 SERVICES DEPARTMENT WHO:**

10                   **(I)    QUALIFIES AS A TIER 1 MEMBER OF A VOLUNTEER  
11 FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL LENGTH OF  
12 SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM OPERATED BY A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL  
13 CORPORATION OF THE STATE; AND**

14                   **(II)   ASKS THE JURY COMMISSIONER, IN WRITING, FOR AN  
15 EXEMPTION.**

16                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 October 1, 2007.