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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 87

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and Health, March 14, 2013, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To repeal sections 191.918 and 494.430, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to breast-feeding.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 191.918 and 494.430, RSMo, are repealed and two new

- 2 sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 191.918 and 494.430, to
- 3 read as follows:
 - 191.918. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
- 2 a mother may, with as much discretion as possible, breast-feed her child or
- 3 express breast milk in any public or private location where the mother is
- otherwise authorized to be.
- 5 2. The act of a mother breast-feeding a child or expressing breast
- 6 milk in a public or private location where the mother and child are
 - otherwise authorized to be shall not:
- 8 (1) Constitute sexual conduct or sexual contact as defined in
- 9 section 566.010; or
- 10 (2) Be considered an act of public indecency, indecent exposure,
- 11 sexual conduct, lewd touching, or obscenity or any other similar term
- 12 for purposes of state or municipal law.
- 13 3. A municipality shall not enact an ordinance prohibiting or
- 14 restricting a mother from breast-feeding a child or expressing breast
- 15 milk in a public or private location where the mother and child are

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

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494.430. 1. Upon timely application to the court, the following persons 2 shall be excused from service as a petit or grand juror:

- 3 (1) Any person who has served on a state or federal petit or grand jury 4 within the preceding two years;
- 5 (2) Any nursing mother, upon her request, and with a completed 6 written statement from her physician to the court certifying she is a 7 nursing mother;
- 8 (3) Any person whose absence from his or her regular place of 9 employment would, in the judgment of the court, tend materially and adversely to affect the public safety, health, welfare or interest;
 - [(3)] **(4)** Any person upon whom service as a juror would in the judgment of the court impose an undue or extreme physical or financial hardship;
- [(4)] (5) Any person licensed as a health care provider as such term is defined in section 538.205, but only if such person provides a written statement to the court certifying that he or she is actually providing health care services to patients, and that the person's service as a juror would be detrimental to the health of the person's patients;
- [(5)] (6) Any employee of a religious institution whose religious obligations or constraints prohibit their serving on a jury. The certification of the employment and obligation or constraint may be provided by the employee's religious supervisor.
- 22 2. A judge of the court for which the individual was called to jury service 23 shall make undue or extreme physical or financial hardship determinations. The 24 authority to make these determinations is delegable only to court officials or 25 personnel who are authorized by the laws of this state to function as members of 26 the judiciary.
- 3. A person asking to be excused based on a finding of undue or extreme physical or financial hardship must take all actions necessary to have obtained a ruling on that request by no later than the date on which the individual is scheduled to appear for jury duty.
- 4. Unless it is apparent to the court that the physical hardship would significantly impair the person's ability to serve as a juror, for purposes of sections 494.400 to 494.460 undue or extreme physical or financial hardship is limited to circumstances in which an individual would:
- 35 (1) Be required to abandon a person under his or her personal care or

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36 supervision due to the impossibility of obtaining an appropriate substitute 37 caregiver during the period of participation in the jury pool or on the jury; or

- 38 (2) Incur costs that would have a substantial adverse impact on the 39 payment of the individual's necessary daily living expenses or on those for whom 40 he or she provides the principal means of support; or
 - (3) Suffer physical hardship that would result in illness or disease.
- 5. Undue or extreme physical or financial hardship does not exist solely based on the fact that a prospective juror will be required to be absent from his or her place of employment.
 - 6. A person asking a judge to grant an excuse based on undue or extreme physical or financial hardship shall provide the judge with documentation as required by the judge, such as, but not limited to, federal and state income tax returns, medical statements from licensed physicians, proof of dependency or guardianship, and similar documents, which the judge finds to clearly support the request to be excused. Failure to provide satisfactory documentation shall result in a denial of the request to be excused. Such documents shall be filed under seal.
 - 7. After two years, a person excused from jury service shall become eligible once again for qualification as a juror unless the person was excused from service permanently. A person is excused from jury service permanently only when the deciding judge determines that the underlying grounds for being excused are of a permanent nature.

