

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 6908

To exempt breastfeeding women from jury duty, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 29, 2023

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To exempt breastfeeding women from jury duty, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Jury Duty Exemption  
5 for Breastfeeding Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. JURY DUTY EXEMPTION FOR BREASTFEEDING**  
7 **WOMEN.**

8 (a) COURTS OF THE UNITED STATES.—Section 1866  
9 of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

1           (1) in subsection (c), by inserting after “Except  
2           as provided” the following: “in subsection (h) of this  
3           section,”; and

4           (2) by adding at the end the following:

5           “(h) An individual who is a breastfeeding woman  
6           summoned for jury service shall be excused by the court,  
7           or by the clerk under supervision of the court if the court’s  
8           jury selection plan so authorizes, upon the individual’s re-  
9           quest.”.

10          (b) COURTS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Sec-  
11          tion 11–1908(b), District of Columbia Official Code, is  
12          amended—

13               (1) by striking “or (4)” and inserting “(4)”;  
14               and

15               (2) by striking the period at the end of the first  
16               sentence and inserting the following: “; or (5) ex-  
17               cluded by the Court upon the request of the indi-  
18               vidual if the individual is a breastfeeding woman.”.

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