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## **An Act To Exempt Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants in Active Patient Care from Jury Service**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §1211**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 60, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

### **§ 1211. Disqualifications and exemptions from jury service**

**1. Disqualification.** A prospective juror is disqualified to serve on a jury if that prospective juror is not a citizen of the United States, not at least 18 years of age or not a resident of the county or is unable to read, speak and understand the English language.

**2. Exemption.** The following persons are exempt from serving as jurors:

- A. The Governor;
- B. Judges;
- C. Physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners and physician assistants providing active patient care;
- D. Veterinarians with or in an active veterinary medicine practice;
- E. Sheriffs;
- F. Attorneys-at-law; and
- G. All persons exempt under Title 37-B, section 185.

### **SUMMARY**

In addition to those currently exempted from jury service, this bill exempts from jury service nurse practitioners and physician assistants providing active patient care.