

Senate File 344 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 344
BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1138)

(COMPANION TO HF 108 BY
BRECKENRIDGE)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to excuse from jury service for persons at
2 least seventy-two years of age.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 607A.5, Code 2019, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **607A.5 Automatic excuse from jury service.**

4 1. A person shall be excused from jury service if the
5 person submits written documentation verifying, to the court's
6 satisfaction, that the person is solely responsible for the
7 daily care of a person with a permanent disability living
8 in the person's household and that the performance of juror
9 service would cause substantial risk of injury to the health of
10 the person with a disability, or that the person is the mother
11 of a breastfed child and is responsible for the daily care of
12 the child. However, if the person is regularly employed at a
13 location other than the person's household, the person shall
14 not be excused under this section subsection.

15 2. A person shall be excused from jury service if the person
16 is at least seventy-two years of age and notifies the court
17 that the person is at least seventy-two years of age and wishes
18 to be exempted from jury service.

19 EXPLANATION

20 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
21 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

22 This bill relates to automatic excuses from jury service.
23 The bill provides that a person shall be excused from jury
24 service if the person is at least 72 years of age and notifies
25 the court that the person is at least 72 years of age and wishes
26 to be exempted from jury service.