

117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 7558

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 21, 2022

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, 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 “Breastfeeding Mothers  
5       Jury Duty Exclusion Act of 2022”.

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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