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HOUSE BILL NO. 1560

House Amendments in [] — February 3, 1997

A BILL to amend and reenact § 8.01-341.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to jury service; exemption; persons indispensable to business.

Patrons—Thomas, Bloxom, Brickley, Callahan, Christian, Clement, Councill, Cunningham, Diamonstein, Dickinson, Guest, Hall, Heilig, Jackson, Murphy, Parrish, Plum, Van Landingham and Woodrum;
Senators: Colgan and Lambert

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 8.01-341.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 8.01-341.1. Who may claim exemptions from jury service.

The following may claim exemptions from serving on juries in civil and criminal cases:

1. through 3. [Repealed.]

4. Mariners actually employed in maritime service,

5. through 7. [Repealed.]

8. A person who has legal custody of and is necessarily and personally responsible for a child or children sixteen years of age or younger requiring continuous care by him during normal court hours,

9. A person who is necessarily and personally responsible for a person having a physical or mental impairment requiring continuous care by him during normal court hours,

10. Any person over seventy years of age,

11. Any person whose spouse is summoned to serve on the same jury panel,

12. Any person [*who is the only person performing services for a business, commercial or agricultural enterprise and*] *whose services are so essential to the operations of [& the] business, commercial or agricultural enterprise that such enterprise must close or cease to function if such person is required to perform jury duty.*

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