

House Bill 1273

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 15-12-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 exemptions from jury duty, so as to change the exemption for primary caregivers with
3 children by increasing the age limit for such children from under four years of age to four
4 years of age and under; to reduce the age for removal from the jury list from 70 years of age
5 to 65 years of age; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 15-12-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions
10 from jury duty, is amended by striking paragraph (3) of subsection (a) and subsection (b) and
11 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 "(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this subsection, any person who is the primary
13 caregiver having active care and custody of a child ~~under~~ four years of age or younger,
14 who executes an affidavit on a form provided by the court stating that such person is the
15 primary caregiver having active care and custody of a child ~~under~~ four years of age or
16 younger and stating that such person has no reasonably available alternative child care,
17 and who requests to be excused or deferred shall be excused or deferred from jury duty.

18 It shall be the duty of the court to provide affidavits for the purpose of this ~~subsection~~
19 paragraph."

20 "(b) Any person who is ~~70~~ 65 years of age or older shall be entitled to request the board
21 of jury commissioners to remove such person's name from the jury list of the county.
22 Upon such request the board of jury commissioners shall be authorized and directed to
23 remove the person's name from the jury list. The request shall be made to the board or its
24 clerk in writing and shall be accompanied by an affidavit giving the person's name, age,
25 and such other information as the board may require. The board of jury commissioners of
26 each county shall make available affidavit forms for the purposes of this subsection."

1 **SECTION 2.**

2 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
3 without such approval.

4 **SECTION 3.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.