

I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
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Introduced by:

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CHAPTER 22, TITLE 7, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED,
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SERVICE.**

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that all persons selected for jury service are obligated to serve as jurors when
4 summoned, unless otherwise excused by the court for good cause or when serious
5 personal hardships arise.

6 *I Liheslatura* further finds that there are approximately four thousand (4,000)
7 high school and college students who regularly attend classes at a college or high
8 school, some of whom are negatively affected when required to miss class for jury
9 service. On average, students are allowed no more than three excused absences.
10 Additionally, most teachers and professors have attendance requirements that
11 directly impact student's grades. As a result, students spend additional time studying
12 to catch up on missed class material, assignments, or exams.

1 It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to prevent additional
2 hardship on student education and allow those who are actively attending classes
3 from Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m., to be exempt
4 from jury service by adding a new subsection (i) to § 22107 of Chapter 22, Title 7,
5 Guam Code Annotated.

6 **Section 2.** A new subsection (i) is hereby *added* to § 22107 of Chapter 22,
7 Title 7, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

8 “§ 22107. **Exempt When.**

9 A person may claim exemption from service as a juror if he or she is:

10 (a) a member in the active service of the armed forces of the
11 United States;

12 (b) an elected official, or a judge, of the United States or the
13 Territory of Guam;

14 (c) an actively engaged member of the clergy;

15 (d) an actively practicing attorney, physician, dentist, or
16 registered nurse;

17 (e) a member of the Fire or Police Department, or an
18 employee of a government contractor engaged in providing internal
19 security or fire protection for such contractors;

20 (f) a person who has served as a juror, either in the Superior
21 Court or the United States District Court of Guam, within two (2) years
22 preceding the time of filling out the juror qualification form;

23 (g) over sixty-five years old; or

24 (h) any woman who is breastfeeding, but only if the child
25 receives nourishment exclusively from breastfeeding and the woman is
26 able to present a medical attestation from a physician, a Certified

1 Lactation Counselor (CLC), or an International Board Certified
2 Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) to such fact; or
3 (i) an officially enrolled high school or college student.”

4 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* become effective upon enactment.