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91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES KENNEDY AND GAMBARO (Co-sponsors).

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AN ACT

To repeal section 494.430, RSMo 2000, relating to jury service, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the same subject.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 494.430, RSMo 2000, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 494.430, to read as follows:

494.430. Upon timely application to the court, the following persons shall be excused from service as a petit or grand juror:

(1) Any person actually performing the duties of a clergyman;

(2) Any person who has served on a state or federal petit or grand jury within the preceding year;

(3) Any person whose absence from his **or her** regular place of employment would, in the judgment of the court, tend materially and adversely to affect the public safety, health, welfare or interest;

(4) Any person upon whom service as a juror would in the judgment of the court impose an extreme hardship, **including but not limited to extreme hardship caused by a family situation in which the prospective juror is the primary care giver of a person with a mental or physical disability, a person with a medically diagnosed behavior problem or a child under six years of age where the court finds that no reasonable alternative care is feasible which would not impose an undue hardship on the prospective juror, the person for whom the prospective juror provides care or both;**

(5) Any person licensed to engage in and actively engaged in the practice of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, dentistry or pharmacy.