

**SENATE BILL NO. 220**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY SENATOR ELTON**

**Introduced: 1/9/06**

**Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Judiciary**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to excusing breast-feeding women from jury service; amending Rule**  
2 **15(k), Alaska Rules of Administration; and providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 09.20.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (c) A woman may claim exemption and may be excused from service as a  
6 juror if the woman is breast-feeding a child who is less than three years of age.

7 **\* Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
8 read:

9 DIRECT COURT RULE AMENDMENT. Rule 15(k)(2), Alaska Rules of  
10 Administration, is amended to read:

11 (2) Excused -

12 (i) a person may be excused from service as a juror if it  
13 is shown that his or her health, the health or proper care of his or her  
14 family, a physical or mental disability, or other conditions exist which

1 would cause a hardship to the individual. Unless the court specifically  
2 authorizes a permanent excusal, all excusals from jury service **under**  
3 **this subparagraph** shall be for the current jury year only. However, a  
4 person who has appeared for jury duty may be excused for two years  
5 from further jury duty in a jury selection area as defined in paragraph  
6 (b) with a population over 50,000.

7 **(ii) a woman who is breast-feeding a child may claim**  
8 **exemption and may be excused from service as a juror as provided**  
9 **by law.**

10 \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).