



General Assembly

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 18

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"AN ACT CONCERNING A SECOND CHANCE SOCIETY."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 51-217 of the 2016 supplement to the general
4 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
5 (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

6 (a) All jurors shall be electors, or citizens of the United States who
7 are residents of this state having a permanent place of abode in this
8 state and appear on the list compiled by the Jury Administrator under
9 subsection (b) of section 51-222a, who have reached the age of
10 eighteen, except as provided in subsection (d) of this section. A person
11 shall be disqualified to serve as a juror if such person: (1) Is found by a
12 judge of the Superior Court to exhibit any quality which will impair
13 the capacity of such person to serve as a juror, except that no person
14 shall be disqualified on the basis of deafness or hearing impairment;
15 (2) has been convicted of a felony within the past seven years or is a

16 defendant in a pending felony case or is in the custody of the
17 Commissioner of Correction; (3) is not able to speak and understand
18 the English language; (4) is the Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
19 Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General; (5)
20 is a judge of the Probate Court, Superior Court, Appellate Court or
21 Supreme Court, is a family support magistrate or is a federal court
22 judge; (6) is a member of the General Assembly, provided such
23 disqualification shall apply only while the General Assembly is in
24 session; (7) is a registrar of voters or deputy registrar of voters of a
25 municipality, provided such disqualification shall apply only during
26 the period from twenty-one days before the date of a federal, state or
27 municipal election, primary or referendum to twenty-one days after
28 the date of such election, primary or referendum, inclusive; (8) is
29 seventy years of age or older and chooses not to perform juror service;
30 or (9) is incapable, by reason of a physical or mental disability, of
31 rendering satisfactory juror service. Any person claiming a
32 disqualification under subdivision (9) of this subsection must submit
33 to the Jury Administrator a letter from a licensed health care provider
34 stating the health care provider's opinion that such disability prevents
35 the person from rendering satisfactory juror service. In reaching such
36 opinion, the health care provider shall apply the following guideline:
37 A person shall be capable of rendering satisfactory juror service if such
38 person is able to perform a sedentary job requiring close attention for
39 six hours per day, with short work breaks in the morning and
40 afternoon sessions, for at least three consecutive business days.

41 (b) The Jury Administrator may determine, in such manner and at
42 such times as the Jury Administrator deems feasible, whether any
43 person is qualified to serve as juror under this section and whether any
44 person may be excused for extreme hardship.

45 (c) The Jury Administrator shall have the authority to establish and
46 maintain a list of persons to be excluded from the summoning process,
47 which shall consist of (1) persons who are disqualified from serving on
48 jury duty on a permanent basis due to a disability for which a licensed
49 physician has submitted a letter stating the physician's opinion that

50 such disability permanently prevents the person from rendering
 51 satisfactory jury service, (2) persons seventy years of age or older who
 52 have requested not to be summoned, (3) elected officials enumerated
 53 in subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of this section and judges
 54 enumerated in subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of this section during
 55 their term of office, and (4) persons excused from jury service pursuant
 56 to section 51-217a who have not requested to be summoned for jury
 57 service pursuant to said section. Persons requesting to be excluded
 58 pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection must provide
 59 the Jury Administrator with their names, addresses, dates of birth and
 60 federal Social Security numbers for use in matching. The request to be
 61 excluded may be rescinded at any time with written notice to the Jury
 62 Administrator.

63 (d) (1) In the case of a trial of a person charged with a felony
 64 violation, for the period from July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, inclusive,
 65 no person who has not attained nineteen years of age shall serve on a
 66 jury for such trial. (2) In the case of a trial of a person charged with a
 67 felony violation, for the period from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019,
 68 inclusive, no person who has not attained twenty years of age shall
 69 serve on a jury for such trial. (3) In the case of a trial of a person
 70 charged with a felony violation, on and after July 1, 2019, no person
 71 who has not attained twenty-one years of age shall serve on a jury for
 72 such trial."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Sec. 501	July 1, 2017	51-217
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