

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2016 REGULAR SESSION**

### **Originating**

## **House Bill 4740**

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[Originating in the Committee on the Judiciary]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §52-1-11b, relating to jury service; permitting that current members of the National Guard or Reserves may be excused from jury duty.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted by adding thereto a new section, designated §52-1-11b, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 1. PETIT JURIES.**

**§52-1-11b. Excuses from jury service for National Guard members.**

- 1           (a) A person who is not disqualified for jury service under section eight of this article may
- 2 be excused from jury service by the court if the person is a current member of the National Guard
- 3 or Reserves.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to permit a court to excuse a member of the National Guard or Reserves from jury duty.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.