

SENATE BILL NO. 330

May 29, 2025, Introduced by Senators MCMORROW, POLEHANKI, SHINK, GEISS, CHANG, WOJNO, BAYER, KLINEFELT and CAVANAGH and referred to Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety.

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled
"Revised judicature act of 1961,"
by amending section 1307a (MCL 600.1307a), as amended by 2023 PA
308.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1307a. (1) To qualify as a juror, an individual must meet
2 all of the following criteria:
3 (a) Be a citizen of the United States, 18 years of age or
4 older, and a resident in the county for which the individual is
5 selected, and in the case of a district court in districts of the
6 second and third class, be a resident of the district.

1 (b) Be able to communicate in the English language.

2 (c) Be physically and mentally able to carry out the functions
3 of a juror. Temporary inability must not be considered a
4 disqualification.

5 (d) Not have served as a petit or grand juror in a court of
6 record during the preceding 12 months.

7 (e) Not have been convicted of a felony.

8 (2) An individual more than 70 years of age may claim
9 exemption from jury service and must be exempt upon making the
10 request.

11 (3) An individual who is a nursing mother may claim exemption
12 from jury service for the period during which she is nursing her
13 child and must be exempt upon making the request if she provides a
14 letter from a physician, a lactation consultant, or a certified
15 nurse midwife verifying that she is a nursing mother.

16 (4) An individual who is a participant in the address
17 confidentiality program created under the address confidentiality
18 program act, 2020 PA 301, MCL 780.851 to 780.873, may claim
19 exemption from jury service for the period during which the
20 individual is a program participant. To obtain an exemption under
21 this subsection, the individual must provide the participation card
22 issued by the department of attorney general upon the individual's
23 certification as a program participant to the court as evidence
24 that the individual is a current participant in the address
25 confidentiality program.

26 (5) An individual who is a service member of the United States
27 Armed Forces may claim exemption from jury service for the period
28 during which the individual is on active duty and must be exempt
29 upon making the request of the court and providing a copy of the

1 service member's orders.

2 (6) An individual who is the spouse of a service member of the
3 United States Armed Forces may claim exemption from jury service
4 for the period during which the individual resides outside of this
5 state or the United States due to the service member's active duty
6 status. The spouse under this ~~section~~**subsection** must be exempt
7 upon making the request of the court and providing a copy of the
8 service member's orders.

9 (7) **An individual who is the familial caretaker of a hospice
10 patient or is in a period of bereavement may claim exemption from
11 jury service for the period of care. The familial caretaker under
12 this subsection must be exempt upon making the request of the court
13 and providing a letter from a physician, a certified nurse, or any
14 official member of the hospice team assigned to the patient's care
15 that verifies that the individual is a familial caregiver of the
16 patient.**

17 (8) **An individual who is the parental caregiver of a child
18 with a serious health condition may claim exemption from jury
19 service for the period of care. The parental caregiver under this
20 subsection must be exempt upon making the request of the court and
21 providing a letter from a physician, a certified nurse, or an
22 official member of the health care team assigned to the child's
23 care that verifies the individual is the parental caregiver of the
24 child with a serious health condition.**

25 (9) ~~(7)~~For the purposes of this section and sections 1371 to
26 1376, an individual has served as a juror if that individual has
27 been paid for jury service.

28 (10) ~~(8)~~As used in this section:

29 (a) "Certified nurse midwife" means an individual licensed as

1 a registered professional nurse under article 15 of the public
2 health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838, who has been
3 issued a specialty certification in the practice of nurse midwifery
4 by the board of nursing under section 17210 of the public health
5 code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.17210.

6 **(b) "Familial caretaker" means a family member, close family**
7 **friend, or another important adult in the patient's life or the**
8 **patient's family's life that provides full-time care, nurturing, or**
9 **protection of the patient.**

10 **(c) "Family member" means a spouse, adult child, grandparent,**
11 **aunt, uncle, sibling, or a member of the individual's tribe or**
12 **clan.**

13 **(d) ~~(b)~~ "Felony" means a violation of a penal law of this**
14 **state, another state, or the United States for which the offender,**
15 **upon conviction, may be punished by death or by imprisonment for**
16 **more than 1 year or an offense expressly designated by law to be a**
17 **felony.**

18 **(e) ~~(e)~~ "Lactation consultant" means a lactation consultant**
19 **certified by the International Board of Lactation Consultant**
20 **Examiners.**

21 **(f) "Parental caregiver" means an individual who is the**
22 **caregiver of any of the following:**

23 **(i) The individual's biological, adopted, or foster child,**
24 **stepchild, or legal ward.**

25 **(ii) A child of a covered individual's domestic partner.**

26 **(iii) A child to whom a covered individual stands in loco**
27 **parentis.**

28 **(iv) An individual to whom a covered individual stood in loco**
29 **parentis when the individual was a minor.**

1 (g) "Period of bereavement" means 1 year after the death of
2 the patient in hospice.

3 (h) "Period of care" means the period of time that an
4 individual is a familial caretaker and includes a period of
5 bereavement.

6 (i) ~~(d)~~ "Physician" means an individual licensed by the state
7 to engage in the practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine and
8 surgery under article 15 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368,
9 MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838.

10 (j) "Serious health condition" means an illness, injury,
11 impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves either of
12 the following:

13 (i) Inpatient care in a hospital, hospice, or residential care
14 facility.

15 (ii) Continuous treatment by a health care provider.