

CHAPTER 673.

(House Bill 452)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 8 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Merit System", relating to an appointing officer passing over a veteran eligible; and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 9 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Merit System", as the same was repealed and re-enacted by Chapter 16 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland at the Regular Session of 1936 relating to credits for certain types of experience; relating to certain credits to be allowed certain widows and wives of war veterans; repealing all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act; providing that if any part of said Act is found to be unconstitutional it shall not affect the rest of said Act; and making this an emergency Act to take effect from the date of its passage.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 8 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Merit System", also Section 9 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Merit System", as the same was repealed and re-enacted by Chapter 16 of the Acts of 1936, be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

8. Whenever a vacancy in any position in the classified service is to be filled, the appointing authority shall make requisition upon the Commissioner for eligibles. The Commissioner shall thereupon certify to the appointing authority the names and addresses of the five persons standing highest upon the eligible list for the class in which the position is found, or if there be less than five, then such name or names as may be on such list, and said appointing authority shall appoint one of said persons so certified to said position. That an appointing officer who passes over a veteran eligible as provided in Section 9 of this Article, and selects a non-veteran shall file with the State Employment Commissioner a substantial reason for so doing, which shall become a part of the record of such veteran eligible, and shall be made available upon request to the veteran or his designated representatives; the State Employment Commissioner is directed to determine the sufficiency of such submitted reason and, if found insufficient, shall require such appointing officer to submit more detailed information in support thereof; if the reason so received be deemed insufficient by the State Employment Commissioner,