

SENATE BILL 915

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Montgomery, Astle, Kelley, Feldman, Benson, Reilly, Pugh, Mathias, and
Hershey

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Personnel – Selection Test Credits – Eligible Volunteer Fire, Rescue, or**
3 **Emergency Medical Services Providers**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain appointing authorities to apply a credit of a certain
5 number of points on a selection test for certain positions in the State Personnel
6 Management System for certain eligible volunteer fire, rescue, or emergency medical
7 services providers or surviving spouses of certain deceased eligible volunteer fire,
8 rescue, or emergency medical services providers; defining a certain term; and
9 generally relating to credit on a selection test for positions in the State Personnel
10 Management System.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – State Personnel and Pensions
13 Section 7–207(a)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

16 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
17 ~~Article – State Personnel and Pensions~~
18 ~~Section 7–207(e)~~
19 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
20 ~~(2009 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)~~

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 BY adding to
 2 Article – State Personnel and Pensions
 3 Section 7–207(g)
 4 Annotated Code of Maryland
 5 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

6 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 7 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

8 **Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

9 7–207.

10 (a) A credit under this section shall be applied to an applicant’s score on any
 11 selection test administered to establish placement on a list of eligible candidates for which
 12 the applicant otherwise is qualified and has at least the minimum passing score on a
 13 selection test.

14 ~~(e) (1) (I) In this subsection, “eligible” THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE~~
 15 ~~THE MEANINGS INDICATED:~~

16 ~~(II) “ELIGIBLE veteran” means a veteran of any branch of the armed~~
 17 ~~forces of the United States who has received an honorable discharge or a certificate of~~
 18 ~~satisfactory completion of military service, including the National Guard and the military~~
 19 ~~reserves.~~

20 ~~(III) “ELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY~~
 21 ~~MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER” MEANS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE WHO IS:~~

22 ~~1. AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF A MARYLAND VOLUNTEER~~
 23 ~~FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ORGANIZATION; AND~~

24 ~~2. QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE A SUBTRACTION~~
 25 ~~MODIFICATION UNDER § 10-208(i-1) OF THE TAX – GENERAL ARTICLE FOR~~
 26 ~~QUALIFYING VOLUNTEER FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES~~
 27 ~~MEMBERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE APPLICATION FOR~~
 28 ~~STATE EMPLOYMENT.~~

29 ~~(2) (i) An appointing authority shall apply a credit of ten points on any~~
 30 ~~selection test for:~~

31 ~~1. an eligible veteran OR ELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER FIRE,~~
 32 ~~RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER;~~

~~1 2. the spouse of an eligible veteran who has a service
2 connected disability; [or]~~

~~3 3. the surviving spouse of a deceased eligible veteran; OR~~

~~4 4. THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A DECEASED ELIGIBLE
5 VOLUNTEER FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER WHO
6 DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.~~

~~7 (ii) An appointing authority shall apply a credit of two additional
8 points on any selection test for:~~

~~9 1. an eligible veteran who has a service connected disability;
10 or~~

~~11 2. a former prisoner of war.~~

~~12 (3) The following applicants are ineligible for a credit under this
13 subsection:~~

~~14 (i) a current State employee; and~~

~~15 (ii) an eligible veteran who is convicted of a crime after being
16 discharged from or completing military service.~~

**17 (G) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “ELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER FIRE, RESCUE, OR
18 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER” MEANS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE
19 WHO IS:**

**20 (I) AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF A MARYLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE,
21 RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ORGANIZATION; AND**

**22 (II) QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE A SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION
23 UNDER § 10-208(I-1) OF THE TAX – GENERAL ARTICLE FOR QUALIFYING
24 VOLUNTEER FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MEMBERS FOR THE
25 FISCAL YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE APPLICATION FOR STATE
26 EMPLOYMENT.**

**27 (2) AN APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL APPLY A CREDIT ON ANY
28 SELECTION TEST FOR AN ELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY
29 MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER AS FOLLOWS:**

**30 (I) FOR AN ELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER FIRE, RESCUE, OR
31 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER WITH 4 YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE, A
32 CREDIT OF FOUR POINTS;**

1 **(II) AN ADDITIONAL ONE POINT FOR EACH ADDITIONAL YEAR OF**
2 **ACTIVE SERVICE, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF TEN POINTS FOR 10 OR MORE YEARS OF**
3 **ACTIVE SERVICE.**

4 **(3) AN APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL APPLY A CREDIT OF TEN**
5 **POINTS ON ANY SELECTION TEST FOR THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A DECEASED**
6 **ELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**
7 **PROVIDER WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2015.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.