

SENATE BILL 915

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By: **Senators Jennings, DeGrange, Manno, Middleton, and Montgomery**
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A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 7–207(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

Article – State Personnel and Pensions

7–207.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

(c) (1) **(I)** In this subsection[, "eligible"] **THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**

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

(III) "ELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER" MEANS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE WHO IS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. an eligible veteran who has a service connected disability;

or

2. a former prisoner of war.

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

(i) a current State employee; and

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

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