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1945 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND

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CHAPTER 8

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 96 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "United States", to be under sub-title "Retention of Jurisdiction by the State", said new section to be known as Section 42 and to follow immediately after Section 41 of said Article, authorizing the State of Maryland and political sub-divisions and agencies thereof to take any necessary action to collect from the United States any money that may be made available for reimbursing the State or political subdivisions or agencies thereof for taxes or other charges lost by reason of the United States or its agencies acquiring title to property in Maryland.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 96 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "United States", sub-title "Retention of Jurisdiction by the State", said new section to be known as Section 42, to follow immediately after Section 41 of said Article and to read as follows:

42. Notwithstanding anything contained in any section or sections of this Article or of any other Article of the Code of Public General Laws to the contrary, the State of Maryland and every political sub-division thereof and all agencies or taxing units thereof, are hereby authorized and empowered to take any and all action that may be necessary or proper to receive and collect from the United States any and all money that may be made available by the United States to reimburse the State of Maryland or any political sub-division thereof, or any agency or taxing unit thereof, for any and all taxes or other charges which may have been lost by reason of the United States or any department, corporation or agency thereof having acquired in any way any title to any property, real, personal or mixed, located in the State of Maryland.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That any and all public general laws or public local laws or any part or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved: January 26, 1945.

CHAPTER 25

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "State Roads", sub-title "Revenue Bonds", said new section to be known as Section 131A, and to follow immediately after Section 131 of said Article, relating to the use of toll bridges or tunnels.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "State Roads", sub-title "Revenue Bonds", said new section to be known as Section 131A, to follow immediately after Section 131 of said Article, and to read as follows:

131A. Any person who shall use any bridge or tunnel and shall refuse to pay the toll as fixed and prescribed under the provisions of Section 131 of this Article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than $10.00 for each such offense; provided that no toll shall be charged for funerals using any bridge or tunnel.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved: January 31, 1945.

CHAPTER 71

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 6 (1), 6 (2) and 7 (21) of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "What Shall Be Taxed and Where", to provide for the assessment and taxation of property owned or leased by the United States, or any agency thereof, to the extent legally permitted.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 6 (1), 6 (2) and 7 (21) of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "What Shall Be Taxed and Where", be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

6. (1) All real properties in this State, by whomsoever owned, including that owned or leased by the United States, or any department or agency of the United States, to the fullest extent possible under the Constitution of the United States and laws of the United States pursuant thereto and in conformity therewith, in the county and/or city in which the same are situated.

6. (2) All tangible personal properties located in this State, by whomsoever owned, including that owned or leased by the United States, or any department or agency of the United States, to the fullest extent possible under the Constitution of the United States and laws of the United States pursuant thereto and in conformity therewith, in the county and/or city in which the same are respectively permanently located, provided that tangible personal property located in this State, and not permanently located in any county or city shall, except as provided in paragraph (5), be subject to taxation in the county and/or city in which the owner resides.

7. (21) Any property exempted from taxation by this State by the Constitution of the United States or by any Act of Congress passed pursuant to and in conformity with the Constitution of the United States, only to the extent that such exemption is so required and no further.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That any and all public general laws or public local laws or any part or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That should any section, or part of section of this Act be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any remaining section or part of a section, it being the legislative intent that the remainder of this Act shall stand, notwithstanding the invalidity of such section or part of a section.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved: February 9, 1945.

CHAPTER 118

AN ACT to add 3 new Sections to Article 96½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Veterans", (said Article having been added by the General Assembly of Maryland of 1945), said new Sections to follow immediately after Section 42 of said Article, and to be known as Sections 43, 44 and 45, and to provide that official findings, records, reports or certified copies thereof of death, presumed death, missing or other status issued by authorized officials or agencies of the United States shall be received and shall be evidence in any courts, offices and other place in this State.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That 3 new Sections be added to Article 96½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Veterans", to follow immediately after

Section 42 of said Article, and to be known as Sections 43, 44 and 45 said new Sections to read as follows:

43. A written finding of presumed death made by the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy or other officer or employee of the United States authorized by the Federal law to make such finding or a duly certified copy of such finding shall be received in any court, office or other place in this State as evidence of the death of the person therein disclosed to be dead and of the date, circumstances and place of his death or disappearance.

44. An official written report or record or duly certified copy thereof that a person is missing, missing in action, interned in a neutral country or is beleaguered, besieged or captured by an enemy or is dead or is alive, made by any of the persons referred to in Section 43 of this Act shall be received in any court, office or other place in this State as evidence that such person is missing, missing in action, interned in a neutral country or beleaguered, besieged, captured by an enemy or is dead or is alive as the case may be.

45. For the purpose of Section 43 and Section 44 of this Act any finding, report or record, or duly certified copy thereof, purporting to have been signed by such an officer or employee of the United States as is described in said sections, shall prima facie be deemed to have been signed and issued by such an officer or employee pursuant to law, and the person signing same shall prima facie be deemed to have acted within the scope of his authority. If a copy purports to have been certified by a person authorized by law to certify the same, such certified copy shall be prima facie evidence of his authority so to certify.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed upon a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved: February 28, 1945.

CHAPTER 180

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles", sub-title "Operation of Vehicles Upon Highways", said new section to be known as Section 141A and to follow immediately after Section 141 of said Article, prescribing the manner in which any blind or partially blind pedestrian may secure the right-of-way at certain street crossings or intersections.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles", sub-title "Operation of Vehicles Upon Highways", said new section to be known as Section 141A, to follow immediately after Section 141 of said Article, and to read as follows:

141A. At any street or road crossing or intersection where the movement of traffic is not regulated by a traffic officer or by traffic control signals, any blind or partially blind pedestrian shall be entitled to the right-of-way at such crossing or intersection if he shall, before attempting to cross, extend before him at arm's length a cane of white color, or white tipped with red. Upon receiving such a signal, all vehicles at or approaching such crossing or intersection shall immediately come to a full stop, leaving a clear lane through which such person may pass, and they shall remain stationary until such person has completed the passage of such crossing or intersection. Nothing in this section shall be construed as affecting the movement of traific at any crossing or intersection where the movement of traffic is regulated by a traffic officer or by traffic control signals.

Any operator of a vehicle who violates the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than One Dollar ($1.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars ($100.00). Any person who is not blind or partially blind and who shall use or carry a cane of white color, or white tipped with red, in the manner described in this section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than One Dollar ($1.00) nor more than Twenty-five Dollars ($25.00).

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved: February 28, 1945.

CHAPTER 224

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 96½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Veterans", (said Article having been added by the General Assembly of Maryland of 1945), said new section to follow immediately after Section 41 of said article, and to be known as Section 42, and to provide that it shall be unlawful for unauthorized persons to wear military or other official uniforms, defining such uniforms and providing a penalty for violation of this Act.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new Section be added to Article 96½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supp.), title "Veterans", to follow immediately after Section 41 of said Article, and to be known as Section 42, said new Section to read as follows:

42. Any person who, without authority under the laws of the United States or of this State wears the uniform or a distinctive part thereof or a uniform or part thereof similar to the uniform of the State Guard, National Guard or Naval Militia of this State or of another State or of the United States, or of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or any auxiliary of any of these shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punishable by fine of not less than one hundred dollars ($100) nor more than five hundred dollars ($500) or by imprisonment for not more than sixty (60) days or by both fine and imprisonment.

As used in this Section the terms "uniform" or "part" or "distinctive part" of a uniform shall not include such articles of wearing apparel as shoes, socks, shirts, ties or scarfs, and shall not include trousers, overalls, overcoats, rain coats, field jackets and headgear from which the service buttons, insignia and other distinctive markings have been removed.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed upon by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved: March 16, 1945.

CHAPTER 270

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, sub-section (b) (1) of Section 3 of Article 95A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supp.), title "Unemployment Compensation", sub - title "Benefits", sub - heading "Weekly Benefit Amount", so as to increase the benefits payable; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, sub-section (c) of Section 3 of said Article, sub-title "Benefits", sub-heading "Duration of Benefits", so as to increase the number of weeks for which benefits are payable and to eliminate the penalty provision; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, sub-sections (c) and (d) of Section 4 of said Article, sub-title "Benefit Eligibility Conditions", so as to provide for payment of benefits in case of sickness or disability under certain conditions and to eliminate the waiting period; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, sub-section (c) (3) of Section 7 of said Article, sub-title "Contributions", so as to include employers with pay rolls after 1940 and to exclude employers with payrolls of $50,000.00 or less from the 150% provision; to repeal Section 8 of said Article, sub-title "Period, election and Termination of Employer's Coverage", and in lieu thereof to enact a new Section 8, sub-title "Period, Election and Termination of Employer's Coverage", so as to permit employees of the State of Maryland, political sub-divisions thereof and the City of Baltimore to come within the provisions of the Act; to add a new sub-section to Section 13 of said Article, sub-title "Unemployment Compensation Administration Fund", said new sub-section to be known as sub-section (c) of Section 13, sub-heading "Special Administrative Expense Fund", and to follow immediately after sub-section (b) of Section 13 of said Article, providing for the payment of interest, fines and penalties to said fund; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, sub-section (f) of Section 19 of said Article, sub-title "Definitions", so as to cover employers of one or more persons.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Gen-

eral Assembly of Maryland, That sub-section (b) (1) of Section 3 of Article 95A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supp.), title "Unemployment Compensation", sub-title "Benefits", sub-heading "Weekly Benefit Amount", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; that sub-section (c) of Section 3 of said Article, sub-title "Benefits", sub-heading "Duration of Benefits", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; that sub-sections (c) and (d) of Section 4 of said Article, sub-title "Benefit Eligibility Conditions", be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; that sub-section (c) (3) of Section 7 of said Article, sub-title "Contributions", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; that Section 8 of said Article, sub-title "Period, Election and Termination of Employer's Coverage", be and the same is hereby repealed and a new Section 8 enacted in lieu thereof; that a new sub-section be and it is hereby added to Section 13 of said Article, sub-title "Unemployment Compensation Administration Fund", said new sub-section to be known as sub-section (c) of Section 13, sub-heading "Special Administrative Expense Fund", and to follow immediately after sub-section (b) of Section 13 of said Article; that sub-section (f) of Section 19 of said Article, sub-title "Definitions", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and all to read as follows:

BENEFITS

3. (b) (1) Weekly Benefit Amount.

An individual's "weekly benefit amount" shall be the same amount appearing in Column B in the table in this sub-section on the line on which, in Column A of such table, there appear the total wages paid to such individual for insured work in that calendar quarter of his base period in which such total wages were highest.

COLUMN A Wages Paid in Highest Quarter of Base Period	COLUMN B Weekly Benefit Amount	COLUMN C Qualifying Wages in Base Period
$ 52.50-$140.00	$ 7.00	$210.00
140.01- 160.00	8.00	240.00
160.01- 180.00	9.00	270.00
180.01- 200.00	10.00	300.00
200.01- 220.00	11.00	330.00
220.01- 240.00	12.00	360.00
240.01- 260.00	13.00	390.00
260.01- 280.00	14.00	420.00
280.01- 300.00	15.00	450.00
300.01- 320.00	16.00	480.00
320.01- 340.00	17.00	510.00
340.01- 360.00	18.00	540.00
360.01- 380.00	19.00	570.00
380.01 and over	20.00	600.00

Provided, however, that if Congress amends the "Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944" by increasing the basic weekly allowance, except for dependents, to $25.00, then, and in that event only, the following schedule shall apply:

COLUMN A Wages Paid in Highest Quarter of Base Period	COLUMN B Weekly Benefit Amount	COLUMN C Qualifying Wages in Base Period
$ 52.50-$140.00	$ 7.00	$210.00
140.01- 160.00	8.00	240.00
160.01- 180.00	9.00	270.00
180.01- 200.00	10.00	300.00
200.01- 220.00	11.00	330.00
220.01- 240.00	12.00	360.00
240.01- 260.00	13.00	390.00
260.01- 280.00	14.00	420.00
280.01- 300.00	15.00	450.00
300.01- 320.00	16.00	480.00
320.01- 340.00	17.00	510.00
340.01- 360.00	18.00	540.00
360.01- 380.00	19.00	570.00
380.01- 400.00	20.00	600.00
400.01- 420.00	21.00	630.00
420.01- 440.00	22.00	660.00
440.01- 460.00	23.00	690.00
460.01- 480.00	24.00	720.00
480.01 and over	25.00	750.00

However, if the basic weekly allowance, except for dependents, under the "Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944", as amended, is less than $25.00, then the maximum weekly benefit amount under this schedule shall conform therewith.

This provision shall not disqualify any individual who had previously been found eligible to receive benefits during the benefit year in which this section becomes operative.

3. (c) Duration of Benefits.

Any otherwise eligible individual shall be entitled during any benefit year to a total amount of benefits equal to whichever is the lesser of (1) twenty-six times his weekly benefit amount, and (2) one-fourth of the wages paid to him during his base period for insured work; provided that such total amount of benefits, if not a multiple of $1.00, shall be computed to the next higher multiple of $1.00.

BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

4. (c) He is able to work, and is available for work; provided no claimant shall be considered ineligible in any week of unemployment for failure to comply with the provisions of this subsection if such failure is due to an illness or disability which occurs after he has registered for work and no work which would have been considered suitable at the time of his initial registration has been offered after the beginning of such illness or disability.

4. (d) No week shall be counted as a week of unemployment for the purposes of this sub-section:

(1) Unless it occurs within the benefit year which includes the week with respect to which he claims payment of benefits.

(2) If benefits have been paid with respect thereto;

(3) Unless the individual was eligible for benefits with respect thereto as provided in Sections 4 and 5 of this Act, except for the requirements of this subsection and of sub-section (c) of this Section and of sub-sections (c) and (f) of Section 5.

CONTRIBUTIONS

7. (c) (3) No employer's rate shall be varied from 2.7 per cent for any fiscal year unless and until his experience-rating record has been chargeable with benefits throughout the 36-consecutive-calendar-month period ending on the computation date (as defined in sub-section (c) (7) of this Section), and unless and until each of his annual pay rolls, as defined in Section 19, during the four calendar years immediately preceding the computation date for that fiscal year equals or exceeds $150.00.

No employer's rate shall be less than 2.7 per cent for any fiscal year if his total pay roll in the calendar year immediately preceding such fiscal year exceeded 150 per cent of his total payroll in the calendar year 1940. In the event any employer did not report a pay roll for the year 1940, the pay roll for the first calendar year thereafter reported shall be substituted for the year 1940. This paragraph shall not apply to employers with pay rolls of $50,000.00 or less in the calendar year immediately preceding such fiscal year.

PERIOD, ELECTION, AND TERMINATION OF EMPLOYER'S COVERAGE

8. Any employing unit, including the State of Maryland and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, or any political sub-divisions thereof, or any instrumentalities which are wholly owned by them, or any political sub-divisions thereof, for which services that do not constitute employment as defined in this Act are performed, may file with the Board a written election that all such services with respect to which payments are not required under an unemployment compensation law of any other State or of the Federal Government, and which are performed by individuals for it in one or more distinct establishments or places of business shall be deemed to constitute employment by an employer for all the purposes of this Act for not less than two calendar years. Upon the written approval of such election by the Board, such services shall be deemed to constitute employment subject to this Act from and after the date stated in such approval. Such services shall cease to be deemed employment subject hereto as of January 1 of any calendar year subsequent to such two calendar years, if not later than January 31 of such year, either such employing unit has filed with the Board a written notice to that effect, or the Board, on its own motion, has given notice of termination of such coverage.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION FUND

13. (c) Special Administrative Expense Fund.

There is hereby created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the Special Administrative Expense Fund. All interest, fines and penalties collected under the provisions of this Act, together with any voluntary contributions tendered as a contribution to this fund, shall be paid into this fund. Said moneys shall not be expended or available for expenditure in any manner which would permit their substitution for (or a corresponding reduction in) Federal funds which would in the absence of said moneys be available to finance expenditures for the administration of the Unemployment Compensation Law. But nothing in this Section shall prevent said moneys from being used as a revolving fund, to cover expenditures (necessary and proper under the law) for which Federal funds have been duly requested but not yet received, subject to the charging of such expenditures against such funds when received. The moneys in this fund shall

be used by the Board for reimbursement of interest on contributions erroneously collected and the payment of costs of administration which are found not to have been properly and validly chargeable against Federal grants (or other funds) received for or in the Unemployment Compensation Administration Fund on or after January 1, 1943. Such moneys shall be available either to satisfy the obligations incurred by the Board directly or by requesting the State Treasurer to transfer the required amount from the Special Administrative Expense Fund to the Unemployment Compensation Administration Fund. The State Treasurer shall upon receipt of a written request of the Board make any such transfer. No expenditure of this fund or transfer herein provided shall be made unless and until the Board by resolution duly entered in its minutes finds that no other funds are available or can properly be used to finance such expenditures. The Board shall order the transfer of such funds or the payment of any such obligation and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer on requisitions drawn by the Board directing the State Treasurer to issue his warrant therefor. Any such warrant shall be drawn by the State Treasurer based upon bills of particulars and vouchers certified by an officer or employee designated by the Board. Such certification shall among other things include a duly certified copy of the resolution of the Board hereinbefore referred to. The moneys in this fund are hereby specifically made available to replace, within a reasonable time, any moneys received by this State pursuant to Section 302 of the Federal Social Security Act as amended, which because of any action or contingency, have been lost or have been expended for purposes other than, or in amounts in excess of, those necessary for the proper administration of the Unemployment Compensation Law. The moneys in this fund shall be continuously available to the Board for expenditure in accordance with the provisions of this Section and shall not lapse at any time or be transferred to any other fund except as herein provided.

DEFINITIONS

19. (f) "Employer" means:

(1) Any employing unit which for some portion of a day, on and after January 1, 1945, has or had had in employment one or more individuals;

(2) Any employing unit which prior to January 1, 1945, was an employer as defined in this Article;

(3) Any employing unit which has elected, pursuant to Section 8, to become subject to this Act;

(4) Any individual or employing unit engaging in employment in this State subject for either the current or preceding calendar year to the payroll tax imposed by Section 1000 of the Federal Internal Revenue Code or to any other Federal tax against which credit may be taken for contributions paid into a State unemployment compensation fund.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed upon by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved: March 16, 1945.

CHAPTER 308

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 10 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Ed.), title "Merit System."

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 10 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Ed.), title "Merit System", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

10. Examinations held by the Commissioner to establish lists of persons eligible for appointment may be written or oral or in the form of a demonstration of skill or any combination of these and shall be of a character fairly to test and determine the relative figures and ability of candidates actually to perform the duties of the class of positions to which they seek to be appointed. Any investigation of training and experience and any tests of technical knowledge, manual skill or physical fitness that in the judgment of the Commissioner serves to this end may be employed.

In all examinations to determine the qualifications of a preference applicant, credit shall be given for all valuable experience, including experience gained in civic, service and organization activities, even though no compensation was received therefor.

Examination shall be competitive, free and open to all persons who may be lawfully appointed to any position within the class for which the examination is held, with such limitations as may be specified in the rules by the Commissioner as to age, sex, health, habits, moral character, physical condition, and other qualifications, except as hereinafter provided that are in the judgment of the Commissioner prerequisite to the performance of the duties of such positions; provided, however, that the Commissioner may, from time to time, provide for general rules exempting from competitive examinations, positions to be filled by unskilled manual laborers, including positions for road patrolmen under the State Roads Commission, and may, if he sees fit, provide in lieu of said competitive examination such systems of registration for said laborers or otherwise as in its judgment will best provide for such positions; and provided further as to all positions that the Commissioner may by his rules give preference in competition for higher classes of positions to classified service employees or to classified service employees of a certain class or classes by giving credit for experience and demonstrated efficiency (not to exceed twenty per centum of all marks) in determining the relative fitness for promotion of such employees. Veterans of the military and naval services of the United States who served sometime during the war with Spain (April 6, 1898, to July 2, 1902) or the first World War (April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918) or the Second World War (September 16, 1940, the date on which the Selective Service Act became effective, to the end of the present hostilities in which the United States is engaged) who have either been honorably discharged or who have received a certificate of satisfactory completion of such service, and who have been bonafide residents of this State for five years or more immediately preceding the date on which such veteran takes any Merit System examination, shall be given special credit for such service. Such war veterans, who are disabled as the result of their war service shall be given a credit of ten points in all examinations for appointments. Non-disabled veterans shall be given a credit of five points in all examinations for appointment. All such credits shall also be allowed in determining whether any such veteran attains a passing mark in any such examination.

The same preferences extended disabled veterans shall be given to the wives of such veterans as have themselves been unable to qualify for Merit System appointment because of disability, and to the unmarried widows of deceased veterans who had served in any branch of the armed forces of the United States as aforesaid; such war veterans under fifty-five years of age granted preference shall be released from age limitation, except for positions of policemen and firemen. Such war veterans having qualified with all such credits shall be certified for appointment, employment, re-instatement or reemployment before non-veterans.

Promotion is a change from one class to another class with a higher maximum compensation, and vacancies shall be filled by promotion as far as is consistent with the best interests of the classified service, in the judgment of the Commissioner.

The Commissioner shall control all examinations and may designate as special examiners any officers or employees of this State or any other person not in the service of this State to conduct and hold such examinations as the Commissioner may direct and to make return and report thereof to him. The Commissioner shall have power to review the findings in all such reports, and may order new examinations if he deems such action desirable. The Commissioner may at any time substitute any other person in the place of any person so designated and may himself conduct such examinations without designating special examiners.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed upon a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved: March 24, 1945.

CHAPTER 309

AN ACT to repeal Section 168A of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of

Maryland (1943 Supp.), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments", sub-title "Department of State Employment and Registration", and to enact in lieu thereof a new section, to be known as Section 46 of Article 96½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as said Article was added to said Code by the 1945 General Assembly of Maryland, title "Veterans", to follow immediately after Section 45 of said Article 96½, provided that persons in the armed forces of the United States, or persons whose duties require them to be with such forces, shall have certain rights to file applications for licenses, certificates and permits, or other authorizations required by law, ordinance, rule or regulation within a certain period after the end of the present war, and providing that such persons shall receive credit for the time they performed work or underwent training in the armed forces pertaining to the profession, trade or calling for which they seek licenses, certificates, permits or other authorizations.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 168A of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supp.), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments", sub-title "Department of State Employment and Registration", be and the same is hereby repealed, and that a new Section be, and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, said new Section to be known as Section 46 of Article 96½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as said Article was added to said Code by the 1945 General Assembly of Maryland, title "Veterans", to follow immediately after Section 45 of said Article 96½, and to read as follows:

46. Whenever, under the laws of this State, Public General and Public Local, or under any ordinance, rule or regulation, a license, certificate, permit or other authorization may be required in order for any person to engage in any profession, trade or calling or to do any other act or thing and any such law, ordinance, rule or regulation provides for the renewal of such license, certificate, permit or other authorization upon timely application therefor to any board or agency enumerated in Section 162 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, or any other board or agency now or hereafter existing as described in Section 168 of said Article of said Code, or now or hereafter created by or existing under any Public Local Law or ordinance, whose duty or part of whose duty it is to examine or license applicants for admission to practice or engage in any profession, trade or calling, and the person entitled to make such application fails to file the same, at the required time because said person is in the military, naval or other armed services of the United States or because said person's duties require his or her presence with said services, said person may file application for such renewal at any time within one year from the effective date of this act or one year after having been released from service, whichever period expires last, and said person so filing shall have the same rights and privileges to the issuance of such renewal license, certificate, permit or other authorization as though his or her application therefor had been filed by the time required.

Whenever any period of time is required for service as an appentice in, or in preparation for, any profession, trade of calling, by any of said laws, ordinances, rules or regulations, the applicant shall be entitled to credit thereon for the length of time during which he performed work or underwent training pertaining to said profession, trade or calling while in the armed forces of the United States, upon establishing proof thereof satisfactory to the appropriate examining board, adduced by certificate, affidavit or otherwise.

This Section shall be liberally construed.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed upon a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved: March 24, 1945.

CHAPTER 310

AN ACT to add a new Article to the Annotated Code of Maryland, said new Article to be known as Article 96½, to be titled "Veterans", and to follow immediately after Article 96 of said Code, defining Second World War Veterans, and providing that laws applying to Veterans of the First World War shall also apply to Second World War Veterans.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new Article be, and it is hereby added to the Annotated Code of Maryland, said new Article to be known as Article 96½, to be titled "Veterans", to follow immediately after Article 96 of said Code, and to read as follows:

VETERANS

(1) The term "Second World War Veterans", as and when used in this Article, unless a contrary intention shall be manifest by the context, shall mean, be deemed to mean, and shall apply to any person who, at the time he seeks to invoke any of the provisions of this Article or at the time any such provisions become applicable to him, is a resident of Maryland, and who after May 1, 1940, and prior to the termination of the hostilities in which the United States is now engaged:

(a) Has been or shall be inducted into any of the land or naval forces of the United States, pursuant to the Act of Congress, known as the Selective Training Service Act of 1940, as amended, or any subsequent Act or amendments of a similar nature, or,

(b) Who, as a member of any reserve component of the land or naval forces of the United States, has now been or may hereafter be on active duty or service, or,

(c) Who has been enlisted in, or been commissioned in, the armed forces of the United States, or who may hereafter enlist or be commissioned in the armed forces of the United States, and

Who has either been honorably discharged from the land or naval forces of the United States, or has received a certificate of satisfactory completion of training and service in any of such forces, and

who, at the time of his entry into the armed forces of the United States, had been a resident of Maryland for the year immediately preceding, or who, if he had not been a resident for the year immediately preceding the time of his entry into the armed forces of the United States, had resided in the State for at least two of the three years immediately preceding such time, or who has resided in the State at least one year immediately preceding the time he invokes any of the provisions of this Article.

For the purposes of this Article, a person shall be deemed a resident of the State if he is a duly qualified voter therein, provided, however, that the fact that a person is not a duly qualified voter therein shall not, if by other applicable standards he is a resident, preclude him from being so classified.

2. A Second World War Veteran, shall be entitled to all preferences, benefits, rights and privileges and subject to all the obligations, liabilities and duties conferred or imposed by any of the existing laws of the State of Maryland passed prior to or at the 1945 Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, upon Veterans of the First World war, including by way of enumeration only and not by way of limitation, any Merit System Laws of the State, or merit system or civil service laws, ordinances or rules applicable to any of the counties of the State, the City of Baltimore, or any other governmental subdivision of the State, including all municipal corporations, all towns and villages having the taxing power, any governmental or quasi-governmental district, board or commission in the State, and any department, agency or commission of any of the aforegoing.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed upon by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of the passage.

Approved: March 24, 1945.

CHAPTER 388

AN ACT to exempt men in the Armed Forces of the United States, the United States Maritime Service and the United States Merchant Marine from the requirement for securing a hunting and fishing license.

Whereas, many men in the Armed Forces of the United States, in the United States Maritime Service and the United States Merchant Marine have a few days leave during which time they would like to hunt or fish; and

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