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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Personnel - Appointments in Skilled and Professional Services -**  
 3 **Credits for Veterans and Spouses of Veterans**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring an appointing authority to apply a credit of a certain  
 5 number of additional points to the rating score of applicants for certain positions  
 6 in the State Personnel Management System who are eligible veterans or  
 7 spouses of certain eligible veterans; providing that certain applicants are  
 8 ineligible for a credit; making a conforming change; defining a certain term; and  
 9 generally relating to credits for veterans and spouses of veterans who are  
 10 applicants for positions in the State Personnel Management System.

11 BY adding to  
 12 Article - State Personnel and Pensions  
 13 Section 7-207.1  
 14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 15 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 17 Article - State Personnel and Pensions  
 18 Section 7-209(b)  
 19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 20 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

23 **Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

24 7-207.1.

25 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "ELIGIBLE VETERAN" MEANS A VETERAN OF ANY  
 26 BRANCH OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO HAS RECEIVED AN

1 HONORABLE DISCHARGE OR A CERTIFICATE OF SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF  
2 MILITARY SERVICE.

3 (B) A CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE APPLIED TO AN APPLICANT'S  
4 RATING SCORE.

5 (C) (1) IF AN APPLICANT FOR A POSITION IN THE SKILLED SERVICE OR  
6 PROFESSIONAL SERVICE DOES NOT COMPLETE A SELECTION TEST, AN APPOINTING  
7 AUTHORITY SHALL APPLY A CREDIT OF 10 POINTS TO A RATING SCORE FOR:

8 (I) AN ELIGIBLE VETERAN;

9 (II) THE SPOUSE OF AN ELIGIBLE VETERAN WHO HAS A SERVICE  
10 CONNECTED DISABILITY; OR

11 (III) THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A DECEASED ELIGIBLE VETERAN.

12 (2) AN APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL APPLY A CREDIT OF TWO  
13 ADDITIONAL POINTS TO A RATING SCORE FOR AN ELIGIBLE VETERAN WHO HAS A  
14 SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY.

15 (D) THE FOLLOWING APPLICANTS ARE INELIGIBLE FOR A CREDIT UNDER  
16 THIS SECTION:

17 (1) A CURRENT STATE EMPLOYEE; AND

18 (2) AN ELIGIBLE VETERAN WHO IS CONVICTED OF A CRIME AFTER  
19 BEING DISCHARGED FROM OR COMPLETING MILITARY SERVICE.

20 7-209.

21 (b) A candidate who is an eligible veteran under § 7-207(c) OR § 7-207.1 of this  
22 subtitle shall be identified as an eligible veteran on the list of eligible candidates.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 2006.