

land near the Court House in Leonardtown, to provide parking facilities therefor. Any condemnation proceedings instituted under this section shall be according to the procedure specified in Article 33A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition, as amended), title "Eminent Domain."

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1945.

Approved April 27, 1945.

CHAPTER 825.

(House Bill 689)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 961½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Veterans", to be under sub-title "Veterans' Preference", said new section to be known as Section 47 and to follow immediately after Section 46 of said Article, as enacted at the 1945 session of the General Assembly, relating to veterans' preference in all examinations for positions under merit or civil service provisions of any County, city or other political sub-division of the State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 961½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Veterans' Preference", said new section to be known as Section 47 and to follow immediately after Section 46 of said Article, as enacted at the 1945 session of the General Assembly, and to read as follows:

47. In every city, county or other political sub-division of the State in which appointments to positions in the municipal or county government are made under any civil service or merit system law or ordinance, the Commission or Board which provides eligible lists for appointment shall promulgate rules or regulations granting special credit or credits to honorably discharged veterans of the military and naval services of the United States and who have been residents of this State for five years or more immediately preceding the date on which such veterans take any merit system examination. The said Commission or Board shall have the power to determine the nature and extent of the special credit or credits to be allowed such veterans and may allow a greater credit or credits to disabled veterans than to non-disabled veterans. The same credit,