

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 re-employment 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 ye 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.

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## CHAPTER 309.

(Senate Bill 228)

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