

the position which he left to enter the armed services was a temporary position; in the case of any Second World War Veteran who was an employee of another governmental unit, such determination shall be made by the Civil Service Commission thereof, or other person or body therein having similar powers or duties, and if any governmental unit has no Civil Service Commission, or other person or body having similar powers and duties, such determination shall be made by the appointing authority involved.

18. A Second World War Veteran, who shall feel aggrieved by the action or refusal to act of the State or other governmental unit in any case involving rights or privileges granted to such Veteran by this sub-title, shall have the right to appeal to the Circuit Court of the County having jurisdiction of the governmental unit involved, or to the Superior Court of Baltimore City if the State Employment Commissioner is involved, or if the Courts of Baltimore City have jurisdiction of the governmental unit involved, and in case more than one court shall have jurisdiction of any governmental unit, the appeal may be taken to any court having jurisdiction. Such appeal shall be taken within thirty (30) days of the action or refusal to act complained of, and upon appeal, the court, without the intervention of a jury, shall hear the case *de novo*, and shall fully determine the rights of the complaining Veteran and pass an appropriate Order. From the Order of the lower court in any such case, there shall be an appeal to the Court of Appeals by either the Veteran or the State, or other governmental unit involved. Such appeal shall be taken in thirty (30) days from the date of the Order of the lower court, and the Court of Appeals may review, upon both the law and the evidence, provided that the Order of the trial court shall not be set aside on the evidence, unless clearly erroneous, and due regard shall be given to the opportunity of the trial court to judge of the credibility of the witnesses. Such appeals shall be heard on the original papers, the exhibits, and a typewritten transcript of the testimony taken in the lower court, and typewritten briefs may be filed by counsel. The Court of Appeals may affirm, reverse or modify the Order appealed from, or remand without affirmance or reversal, or for such further action by the lower court as it may indicate.

If any Second World War Veteran seeking court relief, as this Section provided, shall apply to the Judge of the lower court having jurisdiction of his appeal, the Judge shall assign counsel to such Veteran without cost to him. No court costs shall be assessed against any Veteran seeking court relief as in this Section provided.