

(f) *On or after June 1, 1967, no person shall hereafter be given or accept a permanent appointment as a police officer unless such person has successfully completed a police training course at an approved police training school. OR HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION BASED UPON OTHER CRITERIA AND QUALIFICATIONS AS ESTABLISHED.*

(g) *Except as expressly provided in this Act, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to limit the powers, rights, duties or responsibilities of municipal or county governments.*

~~(h) There is hereby appropriated the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to establish and maintain the Commission.~~

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.*

Approved April 29, 1966.

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## CHAPTER 287

(Senate Bill 602)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 18 (c) of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Merit System", to give the veteran's preference in the State employment to members of the Armed Forces who served outside the United States during certain years in policing operations undertaken by the United States with a foreign nation in combating hostile forces. AND TO THE RECIPIENTS OF CERTAIN SERVICE MEDALS, AND TO CLARIFY THE MANNER OF LISTING VETERANS ON THE CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLES IN THE MERIT SYSTEM.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 18 (c) of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Merit System", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

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(c) Examinations 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 examinations such system or systems of registration for said laborers or otherwise as in its judgment will best provide for such positions; and pro-