

11.

It shall be the duty of the [Commissioner] *Secretary* to carry out the provisions of this article, and to make [, with the approval of the Governor,] such rules as he deems necessary or proper to that end. Such rules may [, with the approval of the Governor,] be abolished, added to, changed or amended, and all such rules shall have the force and effect of law.

12.

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, except as herein provided, the [Commissioner] *Secretary* shall not hereafter prohibit, prevent, disqualify or discriminate against any person who is physically and mentally qualified from competing, registering for or participating in a competitive or promotional examination held under the provisions of this article or from qualifying for a position in the classified service by reason of his or her age and/or on account of any physical defect or impairment, providing such physically impaired person shall produce a certificate from a competent medical doctor certifying that the said physically impaired person is not suffering from any physical defect or impairment which is of such a character that would interfere with the physically impaired person performing the duties of the position which the said physically impaired person is seeking.

Whenever the [Commissioner] *Secretary* shall have certified to the appointing authority a list of eligibles in conformity with the provisions of Section 17 of this article and such list shall contain the name of a physically impaired person, such physically impaired person shall not be rejected by the said appointing authority because of said physical impairment alone, provided said physically handicapped person is qualified to perform the duties of the position involved.

Nothing herein contained, however, shall prevent the [Commissioner] *Secretary* from adopting reasonable minimum and/or maximum age requirements for positions such as policemen, firemen, prison guard, or other positions which require extraordinary physical effort, except where age limits for such positions are already prescribed by law.

13.

The [Commissioner] *Secretary of Personnel* is authorized and empowered to prepare, without examination, special lists of eligibles of persons certified by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the State Department of Education to be physically capable and adequately trained to qualify for a position in the classified service. The use of such special lists of eligibles shall be optional with the appointing authority; provided that the [Commissioner], *Secretary* in his discretion, may fix the maximum number of persons who may be appointed from such special lists of eligibles by any appointing authority.

14.

It shall be the duty of all officers and employees of this State, at the request of the [Commissioner] *Secretary of Personnel* to aid the [Commissioner] *Secretary* in all proper ways in carrying out