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48.

In every city, county or other political subdivision 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 nondisabled veterans. The same credit, credits or preference may be extended to the [wives] SPOUSES of such veterans as have themselves been unable to qualify for merit system appointment because of disability and to the unmarried [widows] SURVIVING SPOUSES of deceased veterans. The rules and regulations of any civil service commission or board may also provide for exempting such war veterans under fifty-five years of age from any age limitation or requirement.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 7, 1973.

CHAPTER 225

(Senate Bill 406)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 4 of Article 100 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Work, Labor, and Employment," subtitle "Employment of Minors," to provide for the [inclusion] exclusion of certain volunteer fire personnel [within] from the meaning of gainful employment.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 4 of Article 100 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Work, Labor, and Employment," subtitle "Employment of Minors," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

4.

As used in this subtitle "gainful occupation" does not include employment in farm work or in domestic service in a private home provided such farm work and domestic service is performed outside school hours, nor in occasional employment by a householder in connection with the household and not in connection with the householder's business or occupation and when confined to casual domestic tasks performed outside regular school hours and with the consent of the parent or legal guardian, nor does it apply to the delivery of newspapers to the consumer, nor to children employed by their parents in occupations other than manufacturing or mining or hazardous occupations; nor does it apply to tasks performed by volunteers in a hospital, OR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OR COMPANY PERSONNEL 16 YEARS OR OLDER performed outside of school