

preference may not be given to certain persons; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 64A - Merit System
Section 19
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1972 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 19 of Article 64A - Merit System, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 64A - Merit System

19.

No person who has been [heretofore or who shall hereafter be] convicted of any crime [,] and who [shall have] HAS served his sentence or [shall have] HAS obtained his release by virtue of any pardon, full or conditional, on probation or release by conditional commutation of sentence, or by parole, shall be rendered ineligible, if otherwise qualified, by reason of [said] THE conviction, to take the examination mentioned in § 18 of this article [; provided, however, that no person convicted of crime shall be entitled to the preference given to veterans and that if]. NO PERSON WHO HAS RECEIVED AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE FROM THE MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICES OR WHO HAS RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE OF SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF SERVICE AND WHO IS THEREAFTER CONVICTED OF A [[FELONY]] CRIME MAY BE ENTITLED TO THE PREFERENCE GIVEN TO VETERANS. HOWEVER, IF any such person is, after the taking of any such examinations, certified by the Secretary of Personnel as eligible for appointment to any position, the appointing authority may consider the [aforesaid] conviction in determining whether such person shall be given the appointment for which an eligible list has been requested.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved May 17, 1976.