

(2) IN A COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR AN INITIAL APPOINTMENT TO ANY POSITION IN A QUALIFIED PRISON FACILITY, THE SECRETARY SHALL ALLOW FIVE PREFERENCE POINTS TO EACH RESIDENT OF THE HOST COUNTY OR AN ADJACENT COUNTY IF, IN THE MOST RECENT 12-MONTH PERIOD FOR WHICH DATA IS AVAILABLE AS REPORTED BY THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT, THAT COUNTY HAD AN AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE THAT IS MORE THAN ONE AND ONE-HALF TIMES THE STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AS A WHOLE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 64A, § 18(b), the second through fifth sentences and the third clause of the first sentence of § 18(c), § 18(d), § 18(d-1), and the second sentence and, as it related to veterans, the third sentence of § 19.

Subsection (b)(1) of this section is rephrased to define "eligible veteran" to avoid repetition of phrases such as "who qualifies under this subsection".

In subsection (b) of this section, the former reference to "naval" service is deleted as included in the general references to "any branch of the armed forces" and to "military service".

In subsection (b)(3) of this section, the reference to "a list of eligible candidates for which the applicant otherwise is qualified" is added for clarity, conforming to long-standing Departmental understanding and administrative practice.

In subsection (b)(4) of this section, the reference to an eligible veteran "who has been placed on a list of eligible candidates" is added for clarity.

Also in subsection (b)(4) of this section, the former reference to "employment" is deleted as unnecessary in light of the reference to "appointment, reemployment, or reinstatement", which includes all types of certifications.

As to subsection (c)(2) of this section, the State Personnel Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that the meaning of "all marks" is unclear.

As to the use of the term "reinstatement" in subsection (b)(4) of this section, see § 1-101(k) of this article and its accompanying Revisor's Note.

Former Art. 64A, § 18(c-1), which allowed special, additional preference credit for veterans in military service during a specified period, and which was effective only until June 30, 1985, is deleted as obsolete.

Defined terms: "Appointing authority" § 1-101

"Class" § 1-101

"Classified service" § 1-101

"County" § 1-101

"Position" § 1-101

"Reinstatement" § 1-101

"Secretary" § 1-101