

[11-204.] 2-704.

An otherwise eligible returning veteran who was hospitalized at the time of discharge, end of enlistment, or relief from active duty may apply for reinstatement if:

- (1) the application is submitted within 90 days after the returning veteran is discharged from the hospital; and
- (2) the hospitalization does not last more than 1 year from the date of discharge, end of enlistment, or relief from active duty.

[11-205.] 2-705.

(a) A returning veteran who meets the requirements of this subtitle shall be reinstated:

(1) to the class previously held by the returning veteran within the principal department or other independent unit in which the returning veteran had been employed; or

(2) to a position of equal responsibilities, qualifications, and rate of pay.

(b) If, because of a disability sustained during military service, a returning veteran is not qualified to perform the duties of the position that the veteran previously held, the returning veteran shall be reinstated to a position that:

(1) has duties that the veteran is qualified to perform; and

(2) provides the rate of pay, seniority, and status that are the same as or as similar as the circumstances of the case allow to those of the position previously held by the veteran.

(c) Subsections (a) and (b) of this section need not be implemented if the circumstances in State government have changed to the extent that implementation is impossible or unreasonable.

[11-206.] 2-706.

(a) A returning veteran who is reinstated under this subtitle is entitled to start at the salary and rate of leave accrual that the veteran would have attained if employment with this State had been continuous.

(b) In calculating seniority, status, and length of State employment of a returning veteran who is reinstated under this subtitle, the period from the day the veteran entered military service to the day that the veteran is reinstated shall be added to the period of the veteran's State employment.

(c) A returning veteran who is reinstated under this subtitle is entitled to:

(1) all benefits and privileges, including rate of pay, that result from the additional seniority and status credited under subsection (b) of this section;

(2) pension and retirement rights as determined under Article 65, § 88 of the Code; and