

Article 64A – Merit System

18B.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, “RETURNING VETERAN” MEANS A VETERAN OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO, WHILE SERVING AS A [Any State employee in either the] classified or unclassified [service other than] EMPLOYEE, LEFT STATE EMPLOYMENT TO PERFORM MILITARY SERVICE BECAUSE THE VETERAN WAS CALLED TO ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR VOLUNTARILY OR INVOLUNTARILY ENTERED THE ARMED FORCES.

(2) “RETURNING VETERAN” DOES NOT INCLUDE A VETERAN WHO LEFT STATE EMPLOYMENT WHILE SERVING AS a temporary or emergency employee as defined in § 24 of this article[, who by reason of being called to active duty during the period from October 1, 1961 to September 30, 1962, inclusive, left his position with the State of Maryland during that period, or who by reason of his entry into the armed forces of the United States has left or leaves his position with the State of Maryland after February 1, 1963,].

(B) A RETURNING VETERAN IS ELIGIBLE FOR ~~REEMPLOYMENT~~ REINSTATEMENT UNDER THIS SECTION, IF THE VETERAN:

(1) (I) PERFORMED MILITARY SERVICE OF A NATURE AND LENGTH THAT MEETS THE CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY UNDER 38 U.S.C. § 2021(A); AND

(II) RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE OF SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF MILITARY SERVICE;

(2) (I) PERFORMED MILITARY SERVICE OF A NATURE AND LENGTH THAT MEETS THE CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY UNDER 38 U.S.C. § 2024(A); AND

(II) WAS RELEASED FROM SERVICE UNDER HONORABLE CONDITIONS; OR

(3) (I) PERFORMED MILITARY SERVICE OF A NATURE AND LENGTH THAT MEETS THE CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY UNDER 38 U.S.C. § 2024(B); AND

(II) WAS RELIEVED FROM ACTIVE DUTY UNDER HONORABLE CONDITIONS.

(C) (1) ON APPLICATION, A RETURNING VETERAN WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION shall be [reinstated] ~~REEMPLOYED~~ REINSTATED:

(I) [to] IN the classification PREVIOUSLY HELD BY THE RETURNING VETERAN within [his] THE department [which he held prior to his entry into the armed forces,]; or