

By Mrs. Gray of Framingham, petition of Barbara E. Gray, Andrew S. Natsios and another relative to making certain changes in the law relative to veterans preference. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Six.

AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING THE MASSACHUSETTS VETERANS PREFERENCE STATUTE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The names of persons who pass examinations
2 for appointment to any position classified under the civil service
3 shall be placed upon the eligible lists in the following manner:—

4 Disabled veterans, as defined in section twenty-three, shall be
5 placed ahead of all other applicants in order of their respective
6 standing.

7 Veterans, as defined in sections twenty-one and twenty-one A
8 who, on the date of examination, have been honorably
9 discharged for a period of less than three years shall be placed
10 below names of disabled veterans and ahead of all other
11 applicants in the order of their respective standing. For the
12 purpose of the preceding sentence, any veteran who attends an
13 accredited institution of higher education subsequent to his
14 honorable discharge from military service shall be eligible for said
15 preference for a period of three years after termination or
16 completion of courses at such accredited institution; provided,
17 however, that said preference shall not continue for more than
18 seven years subsequent to the date of honorable discharge from
19 military service.

20 Veterans, as defined in sections twenty-one and twenty-one A
21 who, on the date of the examination, have been honorably
22 discharged for a period of more than three years but less than ten

23 years, shall receive an additional five points in determining the
24 order of standing on an eligible list.

25 Widows and widowed mothers, as defined in section twenty-
26 three B, shall receive an additional ten points in determining the
27 order of standing on an eligible list.

28 All other applicants shall be placed in the order of standing on
29 an eligible list.

30 Upon receipt of a requisition, names shall be certified from
31 such lists according to the method of certification prescribed by
32 the civil service rules. A disabled veteran shall be retained in
33 employment in preference to all other persons, including
34 veterans.

1 SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall take effect on
2 January first, nineteen hundred and seventy-seven and shall apply
3 to all eligible lists that were established as a result of an
4 examination held prior to said date.