

naval service on an eligible list, receives a permanent appointment and is given a seniority date later than that of another person who received a permanent appointment from a list established from a subsequent examination which the person in military or naval service was unable to take because of his absence in the military or naval service, the director upon application for such change may establish as the seniority date of the person in military service and because of such service, unable to take the subsequent examination, the seniority date of such other person.

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AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO TAKE OR ACQUIRE EASEMENTS TO PROVIDE ACCESS FOR LAND ABUTTING A LIMITED ACCESS HIGHWAY. Chap.448

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Chapter 81 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 7A, inserted by chapter 344 of the acts of 1937, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 7A.* In connection with the laying out, alteration or reconstruction of a state highway, the department may alter or relocate connecting ways as may be necessary. Land or rights in land may be acquired for this purpose by eminent domain under chapter seventy-nine by the department in behalf of the city or town in which the land lies, or in behalf of the commonwealth, at the option of the department. The department may take or acquire by eminent domain under said chapter, easements in land outside the location of limited access state highways, said easements to be taken in behalf of those owners of land abutting said highways, whose rights of access to and egress from their land, and any other rights necessary to make the same available for use, will become inoperative due to the construction of said highway. Any person whose property has been taken or injured by any action of said department under authority of this section may recover from the commonwealth under chapter seventy-nine such damages therefor as he may be entitled to.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 81, § 7A, etc., amended.

Relocation, easements, etc., of land abutting certain highways.

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO GRANT CERTAIN EASEMENTS WITHIN STATE HIGHWAY LOCATIONS. Chap.449

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Chapter 81 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 7C, inserted by chapter 397 of the acts of 1943, the following section: — *Section 7D.* The department may grant easements within state highway locations for wires, pipes, poles, conduits and cattle passes.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 81, new § 7D, added. Easements in state highway locations authorized.

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