
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
AUGUST 31, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 35 (Health and Safety) and 53 (Municipalities
2 Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in
3 miscellaneous provisions, providing for credits in civil
4 service examinations; and, in employees, further providing
5 for applicability to civil service laws and providing for
6 credits in civil service examinations.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
10 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

11 § 7715. Credits in civil service examinations.

12 (a) Preference.--The following apply:

13 (1) If an eligible firefighter takes an examination for
14 appointment in the civil service of a municipal fire
15 department within this Commonwealth, the eligible
16 firefighter's examination shall be marked or graded 15%
17 perfect before the quality or contents of the examination are
18 considered.

19 (2) When the examination of an eligible firefighter

1 under this section is completed and graded, the grading or
2 percentage shall be added to the 15%, and the total mark or
3 grade shall represent the final grade or classification of
4 the eligible firefighter, which shall determine standing on
5 the eligible list.

6 (b) Limitation.--If an eligible firefighter is given
7 preference under 51 Pa.C.S. Ch. 71 (relating to veterans'
8 preference), the preference under this section shall not apply.

9 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
10 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
11 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Eligible firefighter." A paid firefighter applying for a
13 position with a fire department in a municipality which serves
14 the high school from which the paid firefighter graduated.

15 Section 2. Section 2166 of Title 53 is amended to read:

16 § 2166. Applicability to civil service laws.

17 [This] Except as provided under section 2166.2 (relating to
18 credits in civil service examinations), this subchapter shall
19 not be construed to exempt any police officer or other officer
20 or employee from the provisions of the existing civil service or
21 tenure laws.

22 Section 3. Title 53 is amended by adding a section to read:

23 § 2166.2. Credits in civil service examinations.

24 (a) Preference.--The following apply:

25 (1) If an eligible police officer takes an examination
26 for appointment in the civil service of a municipal police
27 department within this Commonwealth, the eligible police
28 officer's examination shall be marked or graded 15% perfect
29 before the quality or contents of the examination are
30 considered.

1 (2) When the examination of an eligible police officer
2 under this section is completed and graded, the grading or
3 percentage shall be added to the 15%, and the total mark or
4 grade shall represent the final grade or classification of
5 the eligible police officer, which shall determine standing
6 on the eligible list.

7 (b) Limitation.--If an eligible police officer is given
8 preference under 51 Pa.C.S. Ch. 71 (relating to veterans'
9 preference), the preference under this section shall not apply.

10 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
11 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
12 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Eligible police officer." A police officer applying for a
14 position with a police department in a municipality which serves
15 the high school from which the police officer graduated.

16 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.