

CHAPTER 395—S. F. No. 897

An act relating to preference for veterans; and amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 43.30.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 43.30, is amended to read as follows:

43.30. **Veterans preference.** In all examinations under this chapter a veterans' preference shall be given to soldiers, sailors, nurses, marines, members of Women's Auxiliary Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, and officers of the military and naval forces of the United States, honorably discharged from the army, navy, marine corps and Women's Auxiliary Army Corps of the United States, who had served in the Civil War, Spanish American War, Phillipine Insurrection, China Relief Expedition, World War I and World War II between the United States of America and its Allies, and Germany, Japan, Italy and their Allies; who are citizens of the United States and have been residents of the state of Minnesota five years immediately preceding their application or who enlisted from the State of Minnesota, and to persons who served in the active military or naval service of any government allied with the United States in World War I or World War II, and have been honorably discharged therefrom, and who are citizens of the United States and were such citizens at the time of entrance into such active service, and have been residents of the state of Minnesota five years immediately preceding their application or who enlisted from the state of Minnesota. And the veterans thus preferred shall not be disqualified from holding any position in the classified service on account of his age or by reason of any physical disability provided such age or physical disability does not render him incompetent to perform the duties of the position.

Recognizing that training and experience in the services of the government and loyalty and sacrifice for the government are qualifications of merit which cannot be readily discovered by examination; there shall be added to the examination rating of a disabled veteran a credit of ten points, and if such augmented rating gives to such disabled veteran a passing grade and such disabled veteran is able to perform the duties of the position sought with reasonable efficiency, his

name shall be placed at the head of the eligible list for such position.

There shall be added to the examination rating of all other veterans a credit of five points, and if such augmented rating gives to such veteran a passing grade and if such veteran is able to perform the duties of the position with reasonable efficiency, his name shall be placed on the list of eligibles with the names of other eligible persons. The name of a veteran with such augmented rating shall be entered ahead of a non-veteran when their ratings are the same.

Such preference is hereby extended to the widows of deceased veterans and to the spouse of a disabled veteran, who because of such disability is unable to qualify.

The fact that an applicant has claimed a veteran's preference shall not be made known to the examiners and the preference credit shall be added to the examination rating by the director, and the records shall show the examination rating and the preference credit.

A disabled veteran is one who is rated *or certified* as disabled by the United States Veterans' Administration, *or by the retirement boards of the several branches of the armed forces*, and which disability is existing at the time preference is claimed.

In the event of the rejection by the appointing officer of the person so preferred when certified for promotion or to fill a vacancy or a new position, the appointing officer shall forthwith file in writing with the director the reasons for such rejection and shall furnish to the rejected veteran a copy thereof.

Approved April 16, 1947.

CHAPTER 396—S. F. No. 946

[Coded as Section 32.491, Subdivisions 1, 2, 3 and 4]

An act authorizing the commissioner of agriculture, dairy and food to adopt standards, definitions and grades for dairy products, and providing a penalty for non-compliance with the standards, definitions and grades so adopted.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :