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SENATE BILL NO. 1206

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on General Laws
on January 31, 2001)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Forbes)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.1-112 of the Code of Virginia, relating to preferences for veterans for employment with the Commonwealth.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.1-112 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.1-112. Grade or rating increase and other preferences for veterans.

A. In a manner consistent with federal and state law, if any veteran applies for employment with the Commonwealth which is based on the passing of any written examination, the veteran's grade or rating on such examination shall be increased by five percent. However, if the veteran has a service-connected disability rating fixed by the United States Veterans Administration, his grade or rating shall be increased by ten percent on such written examination. Such increases shall apply only if the veteran passes such examination.

B. In a manner consistent with federal and state law, if any veteran applies for employment with the Commonwealth ~~which~~ that is not based on the passing of any examination, such veteran's military service shall be taken into consideration by the Commonwealth during the selection process; ~~provided that such veteran meets all of the knowledge, skill, and ability requirements for the available position.~~

In the event the veteran has been awarded the National Defense Service Medal, such veteran shall be given preference by the Commonwealth during the selection process.

Any consideration or preference given a veteran pursuant to this subsection shall be conditioned upon such veteran meeting all the knowledge, skill, and ability requirements for the available position.

C. If any veteran is denied employment with the Commonwealth, he shall be entitled, to the extent permitted by law, to request and inspect information regarding the reasons for such denial.

D. For purposes of this section, "veteran" means any person who has received an honorable discharge and has (i) provided more than 180 consecutive days of full-time, active-duty service in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, or reserve components thereof, including the National Guard, or (ii) has a service-connected disability rating fixed by the United States Veterans Administration.