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AN ACT to amend the civil service law, in relation to granting additional credit to volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers in competitive examinations

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The civil service law is amended by adding a new section
2 85-d to read as follows:
3 S 85-D. ADDITIONAL CREDIT ALLOWED VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER
4 AMBULANCE WORKERS IN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS. 1. DEFINITIONS. AS USED
5 IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:
6 (A) THE TERM "VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER" SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEANING AS IS
7 ASCRIBED TO THE TERM "VOLUNTEER FIREMAN" IN SECTION THREE OF THE VOLUN-
8 TEER FIREFIGHTERS' BENEFIT LAW.
9 (B) THE TERM "VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKER" SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEANING
10 AS SUCH TERM IS USED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION THREE OF THE VOLUN-
11 TEER AMBULANCE WORKERS' BENEFIT LAW.
12 2. ADDITIONAL CREDITS IN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR ORIGINAL
13 APPOINTMENT OR PROMOTION. (A) ON ALL ELIGIBLE LISTS RESULTING FROM
14 COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS, THE NAMES OF ELIGIBLES SHALL BE ENTERED IN THE
15 ORDER OF THEIR RESPECTIVE FINAL EARNED RATINGS ON EXAMINATION, WITH THE
16 NAME OF THE ELIGIBLE WITH THE HIGHEST FINAL EARNED RATING AT THE HEAD OF
17 SUCH LIST; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING FINAL
18 EARNED RATINGS, VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS
19 SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE, IN A COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR ORIGINAL
20 APPOINTMENT, AN ADDITIONAL TWO AND ONE-HALF POINTS FOR FIVE YEARS OF
21 SERVICE AS A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER OR AS A VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKER,
22 AND IN A COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION, AN ADDITIONAL ONE AND
23 ONE-QUARTER POINTS FOR FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE AS A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER
24 OR AS A VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKER.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (B) SUCH ADDITIONAL CREDIT SHALL BE ADDED TO THE FINAL EARNED RATING
2 OF SUCH VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER OR VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKER AFTER HE OR
3 SHE HAS QUALIFIED IN THE COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION AND SHALL BE GRANTED
4 ONLY AT THE TIME OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RESULTING ELIGIBLE LIST.

5 3. APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL CREDIT; PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY; ESTABLISH-
6 MENT OF ELIGIBLE LIST. ANY CANDIDATE, BELIEVING HIMSELF OR HERSELF ENTI-
7 TLED TO ADDITIONAL CREDIT IN A COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION AS PROVIDED IN
8 THIS SECTION, MAY MAKE APPLICATION FOR SUCH ADDITIONAL CREDIT AT ANY
9 TIME BETWEEN THE DATE OF HIS OR HER APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION AND THE
10 DATE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RESULTING ELIGIBLE LIST. A CANDIDATE
11 SHALL BE ALLOWED A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF
12 THE FILING OF HIS OR HER APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION IN WHICH TO ESTAB-
13 LISH, BY APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTARY PROOF, HIS OR HER ELIGIBILITY TO
14 RECEIVE ADDITIONAL CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION. AT ANY TIME AFTER TWO
15 MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THE FINAL DATE FOR FILING APPLICATIONS FOR A
16 COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT OR PROMOTION, THE
17 ELIGIBLE LIST RESULTING FROM SUCH EXAMINATION MAY BE ESTABLISHED,
18 NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER OR VOLUNTEER AMBU-
19 LANCE WORKER WHO HAS APPLIED FOR ADDITIONAL CREDIT HAS FAILED TO ESTAB-
20 LISH HIS OR HER ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE SUCH ADDITIONAL CREDIT. A CANDI-
21 DATE WHO FAILS TO ESTABLISH, BY APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTARY PROOF, HIS OR
22 HER ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL CREDIT BY THE TIME AN ELIGIBLE
23 LIST IS ESTABLISHED SHALL NOT THEREAFTER BE GRANTED ADDITIONAL CREDIT ON
24 SUCH ELIGIBLE LIST.

25 4. ROSTER. THE STATE CIVIL SERVICE DEPARTMENT AND EACH MUNICIPAL
26 COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN IN ITS OFFICE A ROSTER OF ALL
27 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OR VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS APPOINTED OR
28 PROMOTED AS A RESULT OF ADDITIONAL CREDITS GRANTED BY THIS SECTION TO
29 POSITIONS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION. THE APPOINTMENT OR PROMOTION OF A
30 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER OR VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKER AS A RESULT OF ADDI-
31 TIONAL CREDITS SHALL BE VOID IF SUCH VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER OR VOLUNTEER
32 AMBULANCE WORKER, PRIOR TO SUCH APPOINTMENT OR PROMOTION, HAD BEEN
33 APPOINTED OR PROMOTED AS A RESULT OF ADDITIONAL CREDITS GRANTED BY THIS
34 SECTION.

35 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.