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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3984

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3984 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing
5 Section 3-3 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/3-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 3-3)

7 Sec. 3-3. Every honorably discharged soldier or sailor,
8 including every discharged LGBTQ veteran or veteran with a
9 qualifying condition who received an other than honorable or
10 general (under honorable conditions) discharge as described
11 under Section 39 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act,
12 who is an inmate of any soldiers' and sailors' home within the
13 State of Illinois, any person who is a resident of a facility
14 licensed or certified pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act,
15 the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, the
16 ID/DD Community Care Act, or the MC/DD Act, or any person who

1 is a resident of a community-integrated living arrangement, as
2 defined in Section 3 of the Community-Integrated Living
3 Arrangements Licensure and Certification Act, for 30 days or
4 longer, and who is a citizen of the United States and has
5 resided in this State and in the election district 30 days next
6 preceding any election shall be entitled to vote in the
7 election district in which any such home or
8 community-integrated living arrangement in which he is an
9 inmate or resident is located, for all officers that now are or
10 hereafter may be elected by the people, and upon all questions
11 that may be submitted to the vote of the people: Provided, that
12 he shall declare upon oath, that it was his bona fide intention
13 at the time he entered said home or community-integrated
14 living arrangement to become a resident thereof.

15 (Source: P.A. 98-104, eff. 7-22-13; 99-180, eff. 7-29-15.)

16 Section 10. The Secretary of State Merit Employment Code
17 is amended by changing Section 10b.7 as follows:

18 (15 ILCS 310/10b.7) (from Ch. 124, par. 110b.7)

19 Sec. 10b.7. For the granting of appropriate preference in
20 entrance examinations to qualified persons who have been
21 members of the armed forces of the United States or to
22 qualified persons who, while citizens of the United States,
23 were members of the armed forces of allies of the United States
24 in time of hostilities with a foreign country, and to certain

1 other persons as set forth in this Section.

2 (a) As used in this Section:

3 (1) "Time of hostilities with a foreign country" means
4 any period of time in the past, present, or future during
5 which a declaration of war by the United States Congress
6 has been or is in effect or during which an emergency
7 condition has been or is in effect that is recognized by
8 the issuance of a Presidential proclamation or a
9 Presidential executive order and in which the armed forces
10 expeditionary medal or other campaign service medals are
11 awarded according to Presidential executive order.

12 (2) "Armed forces of the United States" means the
13 United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast
14 Guard. Service in the Merchant Marine that constitutes
15 active duty under Section 401 of federal Public Law 95-202
16 shall also be considered service in the Armed Forces of
17 the United States for purposes of this Section.

18 (b) The preference granted under this Section shall be in
19 the form of points added to the final grades of the persons if
20 they otherwise qualify and are entitled to appear on the list
21 of those eligible for appointments.

22 (c) A veteran is qualified for a preference of 10 points if
23 the veteran currently holds proof of a service connected
24 disability from the United States Department of Veterans
25 Affairs or an allied country or if the veteran is a recipient
26 of the Purple Heart.

1 (d) A veteran who has served during a time of hostilities
2 with a foreign country is qualified for a preference of 5
3 points if the veteran served under one or more of the following
4 conditions:

5 (1) The veteran served a total of at least 6 months, or

6 (2) The veteran served for the duration of hostilities
7 regardless of the length of engagement, or

8 (3) The veteran was discharged on the basis of
9 hardship, or

10 (4) The veteran was released from active duty because
11 of a service connected disability and was discharged under
12 honorable conditions, or -

13 (5) The veteran was released from active duty because
14 of a qualifying condition as described in subsection (a)
15 of Section 39 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act
16 and received an other than honorable or general (under
17 honorable conditions) discharge, or

18 (6) The veteran was released from active duty because
19 of his or her sexual orientation or gender identity or
20 because of some other act described in the definition of
21 "discharged LGBTQ veteran" under Section 39 of the
22 Department of Veterans' Affairs Act and received an other
23 than honorable or general (under honorable conditions)
24 discharge.

25 (e) A person not eligible for a preference under
26 subsection (c) or (d) is qualified for a preference of 3 points

1 if the person has served in the armed forces of the United
2 States, the Illinois National Guard, or any reserve component
3 of the armed forces of the United States and the person: (1)
4 served for at least 6 months and has been discharged under
5 honorable conditions or (2) has been discharged on the ground
6 of hardship or (3) was released from active duty because of a
7 service connected disability or (4) was released from active
8 duty because of a qualifying condition as described in
9 subsection (a) of Section 39 of the Department of Veterans'
10 Affairs Act and received an other than honorable or general
11 (under honorable conditions) discharge or (5) was released
12 from active duty because of his or her sexual orientation or
13 gender identity or because of some other act described in the
14 definition of "discharged LGBTQ veteran" under Section 39 of
15 the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act and received an other
16 than honorable or general (under honorable conditions)
17 discharge. An active member of the National Guard or a reserve
18 component of the armed forces of the United States is eligible
19 for the preference if the member meets the service
20 requirements of this subsection (e).

21 (f) The rank order of persons entitled to a preference on
22 eligible lists shall be determined on the basis of their
23 augmented ratings. When the Director establishes eligible
24 lists on the basis of category ratings such as "superior",
25 "excellent", "well-qualified", and "qualified", the veteran
26 eligibles in each such category shall be preferred for

1 appointment before the non-veteran eligibles in the same
2 category.

3 (g) Employees in positions covered by jurisdiction B who,
4 while in good standing, leave to engage in military service
5 during a period of hostility, shall be given credit for
6 seniority purposes for time served in the armed forces.

7 (h) A surviving unremarried spouse of a veteran who
8 suffered a service connected death or the spouse of a veteran
9 who suffered a service connected disability that prevents the
10 veteran from qualifying for civil service employment shall be
11 entitled to the same preference to which the veteran would
12 have been entitled under this Section.

13 (i) A preference shall also be given to the following
14 individuals: 10 points for one parent of an unmarried veteran
15 who suffered a service connected death or a service connected
16 disability that prevents the veteran from qualifying for civil
17 service employment. The first parent to receive a civil
18 service appointment shall be the parent entitled to the
19 preference.

20 (Source: P.A. 87-796.)

21 Section 15. The Illinois Identification Card Act is
22 amended by changing Sections 4 and 5 as follows:

23 (15 ILCS 335/4) (from Ch. 124, par. 24)

24 Sec. 4. Identification card.

1 (a) The Secretary of State shall issue a standard Illinois
2 Identification Card to any natural person who is a resident of
3 the State of Illinois who applies for such card, or renewal
4 thereof. No identification card shall be issued to any person
5 who holds a valid foreign state identification card, license,
6 or permit unless the person first surrenders to the Secretary
7 of State the valid foreign state identification card, license,
8 or permit. The card shall be prepared and supplied by the
9 Secretary of State and shall include a photograph and
10 signature or mark of the applicant. However, the Secretary of
11 State may provide by rule for the issuance of Illinois
12 Identification Cards without photographs if the applicant has
13 a bona fide religious objection to being photographed or to
14 the display of his or her photograph. The Illinois
15 Identification Card may be used for identification purposes in
16 any lawful situation only by the person to whom it was issued.
17 As used in this Act, "photograph" means any color photograph
18 or digitally produced and captured image of an applicant for
19 an identification card. As used in this Act, "signature" means
20 the name of a person as written by that person and captured in
21 a manner acceptable to the Secretary of State.

22 (a-5) If an applicant for an identification card has a
23 current driver's license or instruction permit issued by the
24 Secretary of State, the Secretary may require the applicant to
25 utilize the same residence address and name on the
26 identification card, driver's license, and instruction permit

1 records maintained by the Secretary. The Secretary may
2 promulgate rules to implement this provision.

3 (a-10) If the applicant is a judicial officer as defined
4 in Section 1-10 of the Judicial Privacy Act or a peace officer,
5 the applicant may elect to have his or her office or work
6 address listed on the card instead of the applicant's
7 residence or mailing address. The Secretary may promulgate
8 rules to implement this provision. For the purposes of this
9 subsection (a-10), "peace officer" means any person who by
10 virtue of his or her office or public employment is vested by
11 law with a duty to maintain public order or to make arrests for
12 a violation of any penal statute of this State, whether that
13 duty extends to all violations or is limited to specific
14 violations.

15 (a-15) The Secretary of State may provide for an expedited
16 process for the issuance of an Illinois Identification Card.
17 The Secretary shall charge an additional fee for the expedited
18 issuance of an Illinois Identification Card, to be set by
19 rule, not to exceed \$75. All fees collected by the Secretary
20 for expedited Illinois Identification Card service shall be
21 deposited into the Secretary of State Special Services Fund.
22 The Secretary may adopt rules regarding the eligibility,
23 process, and fee for an expedited Illinois Identification
24 Card. If the Secretary of State determines that the volume of
25 expedited identification card requests received on a given day
26 exceeds the ability of the Secretary to process those requests

1 in an expedited manner, the Secretary may decline to provide
2 expedited services, and the additional fee for the expedited
3 service shall be refunded to the applicant.

4 (a-20) The Secretary of State shall issue a standard
5 Illinois Identification Card to a committed person upon
6 release on parole, mandatory supervised release, aftercare
7 release, final discharge, or pardon from the Department of
8 Corrections or Department of Juvenile Justice, if the released
9 person presents a certified copy of his or her birth
10 certificate, social security card or other documents
11 authorized by the Secretary, and 2 documents proving his or
12 her Illinois residence address. Documents proving residence
13 address may include any official document of the Department of
14 Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice showing the
15 released person's address after release and a Secretary of
16 State prescribed certificate of residency form, which may be
17 executed by Department of Corrections or Department of
18 Juvenile Justice personnel.

19 (a-25) The Secretary of State shall issue a limited-term
20 Illinois Identification Card valid for 90 days to a committed
21 person upon release on parole, mandatory supervised release,
22 aftercare release, final discharge, or pardon from the
23 Department of Corrections or Department of Juvenile Justice,
24 if the released person is unable to present a certified copy of
25 his or her birth certificate and social security card or other
26 documents authorized by the Secretary, but does present a

1 Secretary of State prescribed verification form completed by
2 the Department of Corrections or Department of Juvenile
3 Justice, verifying the released person's date of birth and
4 social security number and 2 documents proving his or her
5 Illinois residence address. The verification form must have
6 been completed no more than 30 days prior to the date of
7 application for the Illinois Identification Card. Documents
8 proving residence address shall include any official document
9 of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile
10 Justice showing the person's address after release and a
11 Secretary of State prescribed certificate of residency, which
12 may be executed by Department of Corrections or Department of
13 Juvenile Justice personnel.

14 Prior to the expiration of the 90-day period of the
15 limited-term Illinois Identification Card, if the released
16 person submits to the Secretary of State a certified copy of
17 his or her birth certificate and his or her social security
18 card or other documents authorized by the Secretary, a
19 standard Illinois Identification Card shall be issued. A
20 limited-term Illinois Identification Card may not be renewed.

21 (a-30) The Secretary of State shall issue a standard
22 Illinois Identification Card to a person upon conditional
23 release or absolute discharge from the custody of the
24 Department of Human Services, if the person presents a
25 certified copy of his or her birth certificate, social
26 security card, or other documents authorized by the Secretary,

1 and a document proving his or her Illinois residence address.
2 The Secretary of State shall issue a standard Illinois
3 Identification Card to a person no sooner than 14 days prior to
4 his or her conditional release or absolute discharge if
5 personnel from the Department of Human Services bring the
6 person to a Secretary of State location with the required
7 documents. Documents proving residence address may include any
8 official document of the Department of Human Services showing
9 the person's address after release and a Secretary of State
10 prescribed verification form, which may be executed by
11 personnel of the Department of Human Services.

12 (a-35) The Secretary of State shall issue a limited-term
13 Illinois Identification Card valid for 90 days to a person
14 upon conditional release or absolute discharge from the
15 custody of the Department of Human Services, if the person is
16 unable to present a certified copy of his or her birth
17 certificate and social security card or other documents
18 authorized by the Secretary, but does present a Secretary of
19 State prescribed verification form completed by the Department
20 of Human Services, verifying the person's date of birth and
21 social security number, and a document proving his or her
22 Illinois residence address. The verification form must have
23 been completed no more than 30 days prior to the date of
24 application for the Illinois Identification Card. The
25 Secretary of State shall issue a limited-term Illinois
26 Identification Card to a person no sooner than 14 days prior to

1 his or her conditional release or absolute discharge if
2 personnel from the Department of Human Services bring the
3 person to a Secretary of State location with the required
4 documents. Documents proving residence address shall include
5 any official document of the Department of Human Services
6 showing the person's address after release and a Secretary of
7 State prescribed verification form, which may be executed by
8 personnel of the Department of Human Services.

9 (b) The Secretary of State shall issue a special Illinois
10 Identification Card, which shall be known as an Illinois
11 Person with a Disability Identification Card, to any natural
12 person who is a resident of the State of Illinois, who is a
13 person with a disability as defined in Section 4A of this Act,
14 who applies for such card, or renewal thereof. No Illinois
15 Person with a Disability Identification Card shall be issued
16 to any person who holds a valid foreign state identification
17 card, license, or permit unless the person first surrenders to
18 the Secretary of State the valid foreign state identification
19 card, license, or permit. The Secretary of State shall charge
20 no fee to issue such card. The card shall be prepared and
21 supplied by the Secretary of State, and shall include a
22 photograph and signature or mark of the applicant, a
23 designation indicating that the card is an Illinois Person
24 with a Disability Identification Card, and shall include a
25 comprehensible designation of the type and classification of
26 the applicant's disability as set out in Section 4A of this

1 Act. However, the Secretary of State may provide by rule for
2 the issuance of Illinois Person with a Disability
3 Identification Cards without photographs if the applicant has
4 a bona fide religious objection to being photographed or to
5 the display of his or her photograph. If the applicant so
6 requests, the card shall include a description of the
7 applicant's disability and any information about the
8 applicant's disability or medical history which the Secretary
9 determines would be helpful to the applicant in securing
10 emergency medical care. If a mark is used in lieu of a
11 signature, such mark shall be affixed to the card in the
12 presence of two witnesses who attest to the authenticity of
13 the mark. The Illinois Person with a Disability Identification
14 Card may be used for identification purposes in any lawful
15 situation by the person to whom it was issued.

16 The Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card
17 may be used as adequate documentation of disability in lieu of
18 a physician's determination of disability, a determination of
19 disability from a physician assistant, a determination of
20 disability from an advanced practice registered nurse, or any
21 other documentation of disability whenever any State law
22 requires that a person with a disability provide such
23 documentation of disability, however an Illinois Person with a
24 Disability Identification Card shall not qualify the
25 cardholder to participate in any program or to receive any
26 benefit which is not available to all persons with like

1 disabilities. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, an
2 Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card, or
3 evidence that the Secretary of State has issued an Illinois
4 Person with a Disability Identification Card, shall not be
5 used by any person other than the person named on such card to
6 prove that the person named on such card is a person with a
7 disability or for any other purpose unless the card is used for
8 the benefit of the person named on such card, and the person
9 named on such card consents to such use at the time the card is
10 so used.

11 An optometrist's determination of a visual disability
12 under Section 4A of this Act is acceptable as documentation
13 for the purpose of issuing an Illinois Person with a
14 Disability Identification Card.

15 When medical information is contained on an Illinois
16 Person with a Disability Identification Card, the Office of
17 the Secretary of State shall not be liable for any actions
18 taken based upon that medical information.

19 (c) The Secretary of State shall provide that each
20 original or renewal Illinois Identification Card or Illinois
21 Person with a Disability Identification Card issued to a
22 person under the age of 21 shall be of a distinct nature from
23 those Illinois Identification Cards or Illinois Person with a
24 Disability Identification Cards issued to individuals 21 years
25 of age or older. The color designated for Illinois
26 Identification Cards or Illinois Person with a Disability

1 Identification Cards for persons under the age of 21 shall be
2 at the discretion of the Secretary of State.

3 (c-1) Each original or renewal Illinois Identification
4 Card or Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card
5 issued to a person under the age of 21 shall display the date
6 upon which the person becomes 18 years of age and the date upon
7 which the person becomes 21 years of age.

8 (c-3) The General Assembly recognizes the need to identify
9 military veterans living in this State for the purpose of
10 ensuring that they receive all of the services and benefits to
11 which they are legally entitled, including healthcare,
12 education assistance, and job placement. To assist the State
13 in identifying these veterans and delivering these vital
14 services and benefits, the Secretary of State is authorized to
15 issue Illinois Identification Cards and Illinois Person with a
16 Disability Identification Cards with the word "veteran"
17 appearing on the face of the cards. This authorization is
18 predicated on the unique status of veterans. The Secretary may
19 not issue any other identification card which identifies an
20 occupation, status, affiliation, hobby, or other unique
21 characteristics of the identification card holder which is
22 unrelated to the purpose of the identification card.

23 (c-5) Beginning on or before July 1, 2015, the Secretary
24 of State shall designate a space on each original or renewal
25 identification card where, at the request of the applicant,
26 the word "veteran" shall be placed. The veteran designation

1 shall be available to a person identified as a veteran under
2 subsection (b) of Section 5 of this Act who was discharged or
3 separated under honorable conditions. The veteran designation
4 shall also be available to a person identified as a veteran
5 under subsection (b) of Section 5 of this Act who received an
6 other than honorable or general (under honorable conditions)
7 discharge because the person is a veteran with a qualifying
8 condition or a discharged LGBTQ veteran as defined in
9 subsection (a) of Section 39 of the Department of Veterans'
10 Affairs Act.

11 (d) The Secretary of State may issue a Senior Citizen
12 discount card, to any natural person who is a resident of the
13 State of Illinois who is 60 years of age or older and who
14 applies for such a card or renewal thereof. The Secretary of
15 State shall charge no fee to issue such card. The card shall be
16 issued in every county and applications shall be made
17 available at, but not limited to, nutrition sites, senior
18 citizen centers and Area Agencies on Aging. The applicant,
19 upon receipt of such card and prior to its use for any purpose,
20 shall have affixed thereon in the space provided therefor his
21 signature or mark.

22 (e) The Secretary of State, in his or her discretion, may
23 designate on each Illinois Identification Card or Illinois
24 Person with a Disability Identification Card a space where the
25 card holder may place a sticker or decal, issued by the
26 Secretary of State, of uniform size as the Secretary may

1 specify, that shall indicate in appropriate language that the
2 card holder has renewed his or her Illinois Identification
3 Card or Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card.

4 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15; 99-173, eff. 7-29-15;
5 99-305, eff. 1-1-16; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16; 99-907, eff.
6 7-1-17; 100-513, eff. 1-1-18; 100-717, eff. 7-1-19.)

7 (15 ILCS 335/5) (from Ch. 124, par. 25)

8 Sec. 5. Applications.

9 (a) Any natural person who is a resident of the State of
10 Illinois may file an application for an identification card,
11 or for the renewal thereof, in a manner prescribed by the
12 Secretary. Each original application shall be completed by the
13 applicant in full and shall set forth the legal name,
14 residence address and zip code, social security number, birth
15 date, sex and a brief description of the applicant. The
16 applicant shall be photographed, unless the Secretary of State
17 has provided by rule for the issuance of identification cards
18 without photographs and the applicant is deemed eligible for
19 an identification card without a photograph under the terms
20 and conditions imposed by the Secretary of State, and he or she
21 shall also submit any other information as the Secretary may
22 deem necessary or such documentation as the Secretary may
23 require to determine the identity of the applicant. In
24 addition to the residence address, the Secretary may allow the
25 applicant to provide a mailing address. If the applicant is a

1 judicial officer as defined in Section 1-10 of the Judicial
2 Privacy Act or a peace officer, the applicant may elect to have
3 his or her office or work address in lieu of the applicant's
4 residence or mailing address. An applicant for an Illinois
5 Person with a Disability Identification Card must also submit
6 with each original or renewal application, on forms prescribed
7 by the Secretary, such documentation as the Secretary may
8 require, establishing that the applicant is a "person with a
9 disability" as defined in Section 4A of this Act, and setting
10 forth the applicant's type and class of disability as set
11 forth in Section 4A of this Act. For the purposes of this
12 subsection (a), "peace officer" means any person who by virtue
13 of his or her office or public employment is vested by law with
14 a duty to maintain public order or to make arrests for a
15 violation of any penal statute of this State, whether that
16 duty extends to all violations or is limited to specific
17 violations.

18 (a-5) Upon the first issuance of a request for proposals
19 for a digital driver's license and identification card
20 issuance and facial recognition system issued after January 1,
21 2020 (the effective date of Public Act 101-513) ~~this~~
22 ~~amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly,~~ and upon
23 implementation of a new or revised system procured pursuant to
24 that request for proposals, the Secretary shall permit
25 applicants to choose between "male", "female", or "non-binary"
26 when designating the applicant's sex on the identification

1 card application form. The sex designated by the applicant
2 shall be displayed on the identification card issued to the
3 applicant.

4 (b) Beginning on or before July 1, 2015, for each original
5 or renewal identification card application under this Act, the
6 Secretary shall inquire as to whether the applicant is a
7 veteran for purposes of issuing an identification card with a
8 veteran designation under subsection (c-5) of Section 4 of
9 this Act. The acceptable forms of proof shall include, but are
10 not limited to, Department of Defense form DD-214, Department
11 of Defense form DD-256 for applicants who did not receive a
12 form DD-214 upon the completion of initial basic training,
13 Department of Defense form DD-2 (Retired), an identification
14 card issued under the federal Veterans Identification Card Act
15 of 2015, or a United States Department of Veterans Affairs
16 summary of benefits letter. If the document cannot be stamped,
17 the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs shall provide a
18 certificate to the veteran to provide to the Secretary of
19 State. The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs shall
20 advise the Secretary as to what other forms of proof of a
21 person's status as a veteran are acceptable.

22 For each applicant who is issued an identification card
23 with a veteran designation, the Secretary shall provide the
24 Department of Veterans' Affairs with the applicant's name,
25 address, date of birth, gender, and such other demographic
26 information as agreed to by the Secretary and the Department.

1 The Department may take steps necessary to confirm the
2 applicant is a veteran. If after due diligence, including
3 writing to the applicant at the address provided by the
4 Secretary, the Department is unable to verify the applicant's
5 veteran status, the Department shall inform the Secretary, who
6 shall notify the applicant that he or she must confirm status
7 as a veteran, or the identification card will be cancelled.

8 For purposes of this subsection (b):

9 "Armed forces" means any of the Armed Forces of the United
10 States, including a member of any reserve component or
11 National Guard unit.

12 "Veteran" means a person who has served in the armed
13 forces and was discharged or separated under honorable
14 conditions. "Veteran" also includes a discharged LGBTQ veteran
15 and a veteran with a qualifying condition who has received an
16 other than honorable or general (under honorable conditions)
17 discharge from military or naval service as described in
18 subsection (a) of Section 39 of the Department of Veterans'
19 Affairs Act.

20 (c) All applicants for REAL ID compliant standard Illinois
21 Identification Cards and Illinois Person with a Disability
22 Identification Cards shall provide proof of lawful status in
23 the United States as defined in 6 CFR 37.3, as amended.
24 Applicants who are unable to provide the Secretary with proof
25 of lawful status are ineligible for REAL ID compliant
26 identification cards under this Act.

1 (Source: P.A. 100-201, eff. 8-18-17; 100-248, eff. 8-22-17;
2 100-811, eff. 1-1-19; 101-106, eff. 1-1-20; 101-287, eff.
3 8-9-19; 101-513, eff. 1-1-20; revised 9-25-19.)

4 Section 20. The Comptroller Merit Employment Code is
5 amended by changing Section 10b.7 as follows:

6 (15 ILCS 410/10b.7) (from Ch. 15, par. 432)

7 Sec. 10b.7. For the granting of appropriate preference in
8 entrance examinations to qualified veterans or persons who
9 have been members of the armed forces of the United States or
10 to qualified persons who, while citizens of the United States,
11 were members of the armed forces of allies of the United States
12 in time of hostilities with a foreign country, and to certain
13 other persons as set forth in this Section.

14 (a) As used in this Section:

15 (1) "Time of hostilities with a foreign country" means
16 any period of time in the past, present, or future during
17 which a declaration of war by the United States Congress
18 has been or is in effect or during which an emergency
19 condition has been or is in effect that is recognized by
20 the issuance of a Presidential proclamation or a
21 Presidential executive order and in which the armed forces
22 expeditionary medal or other campaign service medals are
23 awarded according to Presidential executive order.

24 (2) "Armed forces of the United States" means the

1 United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast
2 Guard. Service in the Merchant Marine that constitutes
3 active duty under Section 401 of federal Public Law 95-202
4 shall also be considered service in the Armed Forces of
5 the United States for purposes of this Section.

6 (3) "Veteran" means a person who has served as a member of
7 the armed forces of the United States, the Illinois National
8 Guard, or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United
9 States.

10 (b) The preference granted under this Section shall be in
11 the form of points added to the final grades of the persons if
12 they otherwise qualify and are entitled to appear on the list
13 of those eligible for appointments.

14 (c) A veteran is qualified for a preference of 10 points if
15 the veteran currently holds proof of a service connected
16 disability from the United States Department of Veterans
17 Affairs or an allied country or if the veteran is a recipient
18 of the Purple Heart.

19 (d) A veteran who has served during a time of hostilities
20 with a foreign country is qualified for a preference of 5
21 points if the veteran served under one or more of the following
22 conditions:

23 (1) The veteran served a total of at least 6 months, or

24 (2) The veteran served for the duration of hostilities
25 regardless of the length of engagement, or

26 (3) The veteran was discharged on the basis of

1 hardship, or

2 (4) The veteran was released from active duty because
3 of a service connected disability and was discharged under
4 honorable conditions, or .

5 (5) The veteran was released from active duty because
6 of a qualifying condition as described in subsection (a)
7 of Section 39 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act
8 and received an other than honorable or general (under
9 honorable conditions) discharge, or

10 (6) The veteran was released from active duty because
11 of his or her sexual orientation or gender identity or
12 because of some other act described in the definition of
13 "discharged LGBTQ veteran" under Section 39 of the
14 Department of Veterans' Affairs Act and received an other
15 than honorable or general (under honorable conditions)
16 discharge.

17 (e) A person not eligible for a preference under
18 subsection (c) or (d) is qualified for a preference of 3 points
19 if the person has served in the armed forces of the United
20 States, the Illinois National Guard, or any reserve component
21 of the armed forces of the United States and the person: (1)
22 served for at least 6 months and has been discharged under
23 honorable conditions; (2) has been discharged on the ground of
24 hardship; (3) was released from active duty because of a
25 service connected disability; or (4) served a minimum of 4
26 years in the Illinois National Guard or reserve component of

1 the armed forces of the United States regardless of whether or
2 not the person was mobilized to active duty. An active member
3 of the National Guard or a reserve component of the armed
4 forces of the United States is eligible for the preference if
5 the member meets the service requirements of this subsection
6 (e).

7 (f) The rank order of persons entitled to a preference on
8 eligible lists shall be determined on the basis of their
9 augmented ratings. When the Director establishes eligible
10 lists on the basis of category ratings such as "superior",
11 "excellent", "well-qualified", and "qualified", the veteran
12 eligibles in each such category shall be preferred for
13 appointment before the non-veteran eligibles in the same
14 category.

15 (g) Employees in positions covered by jurisdiction B who,
16 while in good standing, leave to engage in military service
17 during a period of hostility, shall be given credit for
18 seniority purposes for time served in the armed forces.

19 (h) A surviving unremarried spouse of a veteran who
20 suffered a service connected death or the spouse of a veteran
21 who suffered a service connected disability that prevents the
22 veteran from qualifying for civil service employment shall be
23 entitled to the same preference to which the veteran would
24 have been entitled under this Section.

25 (i) A preference shall also be given to the following
26 individuals: 10 points for one parent of an unmarried veteran

1 who suffered a service connected death or a service connected
2 disability that prevents the veteran from qualifying for civil
3 service employment. The first parent to receive a civil
4 service appointment shall be the parent entitled to the
5 preference.

6 (Source: P.A. 100-763, eff. 8-10-18.)

7 Section 25. The State Treasurer Employment Code is amended
8 by changing Section 9b.5 as follows:

9 (15 ILCS 510/9b.5) (from Ch. 130, par. 109b.5)

10 Sec. 9b.5. For the granting of appropriate preference in
11 entrance examinations to qualified persons who have been
12 members of the armed forces of the United States or to
13 qualified persons who, while citizens of the United States,
14 were members of the armed forces of allies of the United States
15 in time of hostilities with a foreign country, and to certain
16 other persons as set forth in this Section.

17 (a) As used in this Section:

18 (1) "Time of hostilities with a foreign country" means
19 any period of time in the past, present, or future during
20 which a declaration of war by the United States Congress
21 has been or is in effect or during which an emergency
22 condition has been or is in effect that is recognized by
23 the issuance of a Presidential proclamation or a
24 Presidential executive order and in which the armed forces

1 expeditionary medal or other campaign service medals are
2 awarded according to Presidential executive order.

3 (2) "Armed forces of the United States" means the
4 United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast
5 Guard. Service in the Merchant Marine that constitutes
6 active duty under Section 401 of federal Public Law 95-202
7 shall also be considered service in the Armed Forces of
8 the United States for purposes of this Section.

9 (b) The preference granted under this Section shall be in
10 the form of points added to the final grades of the persons if
11 they otherwise qualify and are entitled to appear on the list
12 of those eligible for appointments.

13 (c) A veteran is qualified for a preference of 10 points if
14 the veteran currently holds proof of a service connected
15 disability from the United States Department of Veterans
16 Affairs or an allied country or if the veteran is a recipient
17 of the Purple Heart.

18 (d) A veteran who has served during a time of hostilities
19 with a foreign country is qualified for a preference of 5
20 points if the veteran served under one or more of the following
21 conditions:

22 (1) The veteran served a total of at least 6 months, or

23 (2) The veteran served for the duration of hostilities
24 regardless of the length of engagement, or

25 (3) The veteran was discharged on the basis of
26 hardship, or

1 (4) The veteran was released from active duty because
2 of a service connected disability and was discharged under
3 honorable conditions, or -

4 (5) The veteran was released from active duty because
5 of a qualifying condition as described in subsection (a)
6 of Section 39 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act
7 and received an other than honorable or general (under
8 honorable conditions) discharge, or

9 (6) The veteran was released from active duty because
10 of his or her sexual orientation or gender identity or
11 because of some other act described in the definition of
12 "discharged LGBTQ veteran" under Section 39 of the
13 Department of Veterans' Affairs Act and received an other
14 than honorable or general (under honorable conditions)
15 discharge.

16 (e) A person not eligible for a preference under
17 subsection (c) or (d) is qualified for a preference of 3 points
18 if the person has served in the armed forces of the United
19 States, the Illinois National Guard, or any reserve component
20 of the armed forces of the United States if the person: (1)
21 served for at least 6 months and has been discharged under
22 honorable conditions or (2) has been discharged on the ground
23 of hardship or (3) was released from active duty because of a
24 service connected disability. An active member of the National
25 Guard or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United
26 States is eligible for the preference if the member meets the

1 service requirements of this subsection (e).

2 (f) The rank order of persons entitled to a preference on
3 eligible lists shall be determined on the basis of their
4 augmented ratings. When the Director establishes eligible
5 lists on the basis of category ratings such as "superior",
6 "excellent", "well-qualified", and "qualified", the veteran
7 eligibles in each such category shall be preferred for
8 appointment before the non-veteran eligibles in the same
9 category.

10 (g) Employees in positions covered by this Code who, while
11 in good standing, leave to engage in military service during a
12 period of hostility, shall be given credit for seniority
13 purposes for time served in the armed forces.

14 (h) A surviving unremarried spouse of a veteran who
15 suffered a service connected death or the spouse of a veteran
16 who suffered a service connected disability that prevents the
17 veteran from qualifying for civil service employment shall be
18 entitled to the same preference to which the veteran would
19 have been entitled under this Section.

20 (i) A preference shall also be given to the following
21 individuals: 10 points for one parent of an unmarried veteran
22 who suffered a service connected death or a service connected
23 disability that prevents the veteran from qualifying for civil
24 service employment. The first parent to receive a civil
25 service appointment shall be the parent entitled to the
26 preference.

1 (Source: P.A. 87-796.)

2 Section 30. The State Fair Act is amended by changing
3 Section 6 as follows:

4 (20 ILCS 210/6) (from Ch. 127, par. 1706)

5 Sec. 6. Policies, procedures, and powers concerning the
6 operation of fairs.

7 (a) Policies. The Department shall, pursuant to the
8 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, establish by rule:

9 (1) the policy for the operation of the Illinois State
10 Fair and the DuQuoin State Fair, except those operations
11 regarding contests as provided for in subparagraphs (b)
12 and (c) of this Section, and

13 (2) the policies and procedures for the sale, barter,
14 or exchange of tickets and for ticket refunds for
15 cancelled events.

16 (b) Contests. The Department shall establish and make
17 available, for all contestants and other interested persons,
18 sufficient copies of a premium book or other publication that
19 establishes the kinds and classes of events or exhibits for
20 contests at the fairs, the conditions under which contestants
21 shall be entered into contests, the qualification and
22 disqualification requirements of contests, the drug testing
23 requirements for contests (if applicable), the premiums to be
24 offered to contest winners, the manner in which certificates

1 of award shall be distributed and premiums paid to contest
2 winners, the penalty for violations of a rule, condition,
3 instruction, or directive, and requirements of contests,
4 including but not limited to the return of all premiums paid,
5 the forfeiture of awards, and the prohibition of participating
6 in future contests, and all other rules and requirements for
7 contests. These rules, conditions, instructions, directives,
8 and requirements shall be exempt from the rulemaking
9 procedures of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. All
10 such publications issued by the Department that relate to a
11 contest, event, or exhibit shall be maintained as a public
12 record at the Department's principal office in Springfield,
13 Illinois, and made available for public inspection and copying
14 during regular business hours.

15 (c) Fees. The Department shall establish and publish for
16 the Illinois State Fair and the DuQuoin State Fair a schedule
17 of admission fees, entry fees, concession fees, space rentals
18 and other fees for activities offered or provided at each
19 State Fair. These schedules of fees shall be maintained as a
20 public record at the Department's principal office in
21 Springfield, Illinois, and made available for public
22 inspection and copying during regular business, but shall be
23 exempt from the rulemaking procedures of the Illinois
24 Administrative Procedure Act.

25 (d) Facilities. The Department may negotiate and enter
26 into contracts for activities and use of facilities for which

1 there is not an established or published schedule. The
2 contract criteria shall be established by rule, pursuant to
3 the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. The Department may
4 lease any of its facilities for activities during the State
5 Fair.

6 (e) Advertising. The Illinois State Fair in Springfield
7 and the DuQuoin State Fair shall have the power and authority
8 to sell or exchange advertising rights in all of its
9 publications and printed materials. The sale of advertising
10 shall be subject to the rules promulgated by the Department,
11 pursuant to the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. All
12 income derived from the sale of advertising at the Illinois
13 State Fair in Springfield shall be deposited into the State
14 Fair Fund. All income derived from the sale of advertising at
15 the DuQuoin State Fair shall be deposited into the
16 Agricultural Premium Fund.

17 (f) Veterans. On the day set aside as Veterans Day,
18 honorably discharged veterans, including discharged LGBTQ
19 veterans and veterans with a qualifying condition as defined
20 in Section 39 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act who
21 received an other than honorable or general (under honorable
22 conditions) discharge, and members of their families shall be
23 admitted without admission charge upon presentation of
24 identification of any of the following: honorable discharge
25 certificate, or photostatic copy thereof, or a paid up
26 membership card in any recognized veterans organization.

1 (g) Government functions. The Governor, Lieutenant
2 Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer,
3 Comptroller, President and Minority Leader of the Senate, and
4 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives shall be
5 afforded space for official governmental functions, without
6 charge, during the State Fair and the DuQuoin State Fair.

7 (Source: P.A. 93-1055, eff. 11-23-04.)

8 Section 35. The Personnel Code is amended by changing
9 Section 8b.7 as follows:

10 (20 ILCS 415/8b.7) (from Ch. 127, par. 63b108b.7)

11 Sec. 8b.7. Veteran preference. For the granting of
12 appropriate preference in entrance examinations to qualified
13 veterans, persons who have been members of the armed forces of
14 the United States or to qualified persons who, while citizens
15 of the United States, were members of the armed forces of
16 allies of the United States in time of hostilities with a
17 foreign country, and to certain other persons as set forth in
18 this Section.

19 (a) As used in this Section:

20 (1) "Time of hostilities with a foreign country" means
21 any period of time in the past, present, or future during
22 which a declaration of war by the United States Congress
23 has been or is in effect or during which an emergency
24 condition has been or is in effect that is recognized by

1 the issuance of a Presidential proclamation or a
2 Presidential executive order and in which the armed forces
3 expeditionary medal or other campaign service medals are
4 awarded according to Presidential executive order.

5 (2) "Armed forces of the United States" means the
6 United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and
7 Coast Guard. Service in the Merchant Marine that
8 constitutes active duty under Section 401 of federal
9 Public Law 95-202 shall also be considered service in the
10 Armed Forces of the United States for purposes of this
11 Section.

12 (3) "Veteran" means a member of the armed forces of
13 the United States, the Illinois National Guard, or a
14 reserve component of the armed forces of the United
15 States.

16 (b) The preference granted under this Section shall be in
17 the form of points added to the final grades of the persons if
18 they otherwise qualify and are entitled to appear on the list
19 of those eligible for appointments.

20 (c) A veteran is qualified for a preference of 10 points if
21 the veteran currently holds proof of a service connected
22 disability from the United States Department of Veterans
23 Affairs or an allied country or if the veteran is a recipient
24 of the Purple Heart.

25 (d) A veteran who has served during a time of hostilities
26 with a foreign country is qualified for a preference of 5

1 points if the veteran served under one or more of the following
2 conditions:

3 (1) The veteran served a total of at least 6 months, or

4 (2) The veteran served for the duration of hostilities
5 regardless of the length of engagement, or

6 (3) The veteran was discharged on the basis of
7 hardship, or

8 (4) The veteran was released from active duty because
9 of a service connected disability and was discharged under
10 honorable conditions, or -

11 (5) The veteran was released from active duty because
12 of a qualifying condition as described in subsection (a)
13 of Section 39 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act
14 and received an other than honorable or general (under
15 honorable conditions) discharge, or

16 (6) The veteran was released from active duty because
17 of his or her sexual orientation or gender identity or
18 because of some other act described in the definition of
19 "discharged LGBTQ veteran" under Section 39 of the
20 Department of Veterans' Affairs Act and received an other
21 than honorable or general (under honorable conditions)
22 discharge.

23 (e) A person not eligible for a preference under
24 subsection (c) or (d) is qualified for a preference of 3 points
25 if the person has served in the armed forces of the United
26 States, the Illinois National Guard, or any reserve component

1 of the armed forces of the United States if the person: (1)
2 served for at least 6 months and has been discharged under
3 honorable conditions; (2) has been discharged on the ground of
4 hardship; (3) was released from active duty because of a
5 service connected disability; or (4) served a minimum of 4
6 years in the Illinois National Guard or reserve component of
7 the armed forces of the United States regardless of whether or
8 not the person was mobilized to active duty. An active member
9 of the National Guard or a reserve component of the armed
10 forces of the United States is eligible for the preference if
11 the member meets the service requirements of this subsection
12 (e).

13 (f) The rank order of persons entitled to a preference on
14 eligible lists shall be determined on the basis of their
15 augmented ratings. When the Director establishes eligible
16 lists on the basis of category ratings such as "superior",
17 "excellent", "well-qualified", and "qualified", the veteran
18 eligibles in each such category shall be preferred for
19 appointment before the non-veteran eligibles in the same
20 category.

21 (g) Employees in positions covered by jurisdiction B who,
22 while in good standing, leave to engage in military service
23 during a period of hostility, shall be given credit for
24 seniority purposes for time served in the armed forces.

25 (h) A surviving unremarried spouse of a veteran who
26 suffered a service connected death or the spouse of a veteran

1 who suffered a service connected disability that prevents the
2 veteran from qualifying for civil service employment shall be
3 entitled to the same preference to which the veteran would
4 have been entitled under this Section.

5 (i) A preference shall also be given to the following
6 individuals: 10 points for one parent of an unmarried veteran
7 who suffered a service connected death or a service connected
8 disability that prevents the veteran from qualifying for civil
9 service employment. The first parent to receive a civil
10 service appointment shall be the parent entitled to the
11 preference.

12 (j) The Department of Central Management Services shall
13 adopt rules and implement procedures to verify that any person
14 seeking a preference under this Section is entitled to the
15 preference. A person seeking a preference under this Section
16 shall provide documentation or execute any consents or other
17 documents required by the Department of Central Management
18 Services or any other State department or agency to enable the
19 department or agency to verify that the person is entitled to
20 the preference.

21 (k) If an applicant claims to be a veteran, the Department
22 of Central Management Services must verify that status before
23 granting a veteran preference by requiring a certified copy of
24 the applicant's most recent DD214 (Certificate of Release or
25 Discharge from Active Duty), NGB-22 (Proof of National Guard
26 Service), or other evidence of the applicant's most recent

1 honorable discharge from the Armed Forces of the United States
2 that is determined to be acceptable by the Department of
3 Central Management Services.

4 (Source: P.A. 100-496, eff. 9-8-17.)

5 Section 50. The State Police Act is amended by changing
6 Section 9 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2610/9) (from Ch. 121, par. 307.9)

8 Sec. 9. Appointment; qualifications.

9 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the
10 appointment of Department of State Police officers shall be
11 made from those applicants who have been certified by the
12 Board as being qualified for appointment. All persons so
13 appointed shall, at the time of their appointment, be not less
14 than 21 years of age, or 20 years of age and have successfully
15 completed an associate's degree or 60 credit hours at an
16 accredited college or university. Any person appointed
17 subsequent to successful completion of an associate's degree
18 or 60 credit hours at an accredited college or university
19 shall not have power of arrest, nor shall he or she be
20 permitted to carry firearms, until he or she reaches 21 years
21 of age. In addition, all persons so certified for appointment
22 shall be of sound mind and body, be of good moral character, be
23 citizens of the United States, have no criminal records,
24 possess such prerequisites of training, education, and

1 experience as the Board may from time to time prescribe so long
2 as persons who have an associate's degree or 60 credit hours at
3 an accredited college or university are not disqualified, and
4 shall be required to pass successfully such mental and
5 physical tests and examinations as may be prescribed by the
6 Board. All persons who meet one of the following requirements
7 are deemed to have met the collegiate educational
8 requirements:

9 (i) have been honorably discharged, or have received
10 an other than honorable or general (under honorable
11 conditions) discharge because they are a veteran with a
12 qualifying condition or a discharged LGBTQ veteran as
13 defined in subsection (a) of Section 39 of the Department
14 of Veterans' Affairs Act, and who have been awarded a
15 Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal,
16 Korean Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal,
17 Iraq Campaign Medal, or Global War on Terrorism
18 Expeditionary Medal by the United States Armed Forces;

19 (ii) are active members of the Illinois National Guard
20 or a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces
21 and who have been awarded a Southwest Asia Service Medal,
22 Kosovo Campaign Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal,
23 Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, or Global
24 War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal as a result of
25 honorable service during deployment on active duty;

26 (iii) have been honorably discharged, or have received

1 an other than honorable or general (under honorable
2 conditions) discharge because they are a veteran with a
3 qualifying condition or a discharged LGBTQ veteran as
4 defined in subsection (a) of Section 39 of the Department
5 of Veterans' Affairs Act, and who served in a combat
6 mission by proof of hostile fire pay or imminent danger
7 pay during deployment on active duty; or

8 (iv) have at least 3 years of full active and
9 continuous military duty and received before hiring (i) an
10 honorable discharge or (ii) an other than honorable or
11 general (under honorable conditions) discharge because
12 they are a veteran with a qualifying condition or a
13 discharged LGBTQ veteran as defined in subsection (a) of
14 Section 39 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act. ~~an~~
15 honorable discharge before hiring.

16 Preference shall be given in such appointments to persons
17 who have honorably served in the military or naval services of
18 the United States. All appointees shall serve a probationary
19 period of 12 months from the date of appointment and during
20 that period may be discharged at the will of the Director.
21 However, the Director may in his or her sole discretion extend
22 the probationary period of an officer up to an additional 6
23 months when to do so is deemed in the best interest of the
24 Department. Nothing in this subsection (a) limits the Board's
25 ability to prescribe education prerequisites or requirements
26 to certify Department of State Police officers for promotion

1 as provided in Section 10 of this Act.

2 (b) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Act,
3 after July 1, 1977 and before July 1, 1980, the Director of
4 State Police may appoint and promote not more than 20 persons
5 having special qualifications as special agents as he or she
6 deems necessary to carry out the Department's objectives. Any
7 such appointment or promotion shall be ratified by the Board.

8 (c) During the 90 days following the effective date of
9 this amendatory Act of 1995, the Director of State Police may
10 appoint up to 25 persons as State Police officers. These
11 appointments shall be made in accordance with the requirements
12 of this subsection (c) and any additional criteria that may be
13 established by the Director, but are not subject to any other
14 requirements of this Act. The Director may specify the initial
15 rank for each person appointed under this subsection.

16 All appointments under this subsection (c) shall be made
17 from personnel certified by the Board. A person certified by
18 the Board and appointed by the Director under this subsection
19 must have been employed by the Illinois Commerce Commission on
20 November 30, 1994 in a job title subject to the Personnel Code
21 and in a position for which the person was eligible to earn
22 "eligible creditable service" as a "noncovered employee", as
23 those terms are defined in Article 14 of the Illinois Pension
24 Code.

25 Persons appointed under this subsection (c) shall
26 thereafter be subject to the same requirements and procedures

1 as other State police officers. A person appointed under this
2 subsection must serve a probationary period of 12 months from
3 the date of appointment, during which he or she may be
4 discharged at the will of the Director.

5 This subsection (c) does not affect or limit the
6 Director's authority to appoint other State Police officers
7 under subsection (a) of this Section.

8 (Source: P.A. 100-11, eff. 7-1-17; 101-374, eff. 1-1-20.)

9 Section 55. The Department of Veterans' Affairs Act is
10 amended by changing Sections 2.01, 2.02, and 4 and by adding
11 Section 39 as follows:

12 (20 ILCS 2805/2.01) (from Ch. 126 1/2, par. 67.01)

13 Sec. 2.01. Veterans Home admissions.

14 (a) Any honorably discharged veteran, discharged LGBTQ
15 veteran as defined in Section 39, or veteran with a qualifying
16 condition as defined in Section 39 who received an other than
17 honorable or general (under honorable conditions) discharge
18 from military or naval service is entitled to admission to an
19 Illinois Veterans Home if the applicant meets the requirements
20 of this Section.

21 (b) The veteran must:

22 (1) have served in the armed forces of the United
23 States at least 1 day in World War II, the Korean Conflict,
24 the Viet Nam Campaign, or the Persian Gulf Conflict

1 between the dates recognized by the U.S. Department of
2 Veterans Affairs or between any other present or future
3 dates recognized by the U.S. Department of Veterans
4 Affairs as a war period, or have served in a hostile fire
5 environment and has been awarded a campaign or
6 expeditionary medal signifying his or her service, for
7 purposes of eligibility for domiciliary or nursing home
8 care;

9 (2) have served and been honorably discharged or
10 retired from the armed forces of the United States for a
11 service connected disability or injury, for purposes of
12 eligibility for domiciliary or nursing home care;

13 (3) have served as an enlisted person at least 90 days
14 on active duty in the armed forces of the United States,
15 excluding service on active duty for training purposes
16 only, and entered active duty before September 8, 1980,
17 for purposes of eligibility for domiciliary or nursing
18 home care;

19 (4) have served as an officer at least 90 days on
20 active duty in the armed forces of the United States,
21 excluding service on active duty for training purposes
22 only, and entered active duty before October 17, 1981, for
23 purposes of eligibility for domiciliary or nursing home
24 care;

25 (5) have served on active duty in the armed forces of
26 the United States for 24 months of continuous service or

1 more, excluding active duty for training purposes only,
2 and enlisted after September 7, 1980, for purposes of
3 eligibility for domiciliary or nursing home care;

4 (6) have served as a reservist in the armed forces of
5 the United States or the National Guard and the service
6 included being called to federal active duty, excluding
7 service on active duty for training purposes only, and who
8 completed the term, for purposes of eligibility for
9 domiciliary or nursing home care;

10 (7) have been discharged for reasons of hardship or
11 released from active duty due to a reduction in the United
12 States armed forces prior to the completion of the
13 required period of service, regardless of the actual time
14 served, for purposes of eligibility for domiciliary or
15 nursing home care; ~~or~~

16 (8) have served in the National Guard or Reserve
17 Forces of the United States and completed 20 years of
18 satisfactory service, be otherwise eligible to receive
19 reserve or active duty retirement benefits, and have been
20 an Illinois resident for at least one year before applying
21 for admission for purposes of eligibility for domiciliary
22 care only; ~~or~~

23 (9) have served and received an other than honorable
24 or general (under honorable conditions) discharge from the
25 armed forces of the United States for having a qualifying
26 condition as described in subsection (a) of Section 39; or

1 (10) have served and received an other than honorable
2 or general (under honorable conditions) discharge from the
3 armed forces of the United States because of his or her
4 sexual orientation or gender identity or because of some
5 other act described in the definition of "discharged LGBTQ
6 veteran" under Section 39 of the Department of Veterans'
7 Affairs Act.

8 (c) The veteran must have service accredited to the State
9 of Illinois or have been a resident of this State for one year
10 immediately preceding the date of application.

11 (d) For admission to the Illinois Veterans Homes at Anna
12 and Quincy, the veteran must have developed a disability by
13 disease, wounds, or otherwise and because of the disability be
14 incapable of earning a living.

15 (e) For admission to the Illinois Veterans Homes at
16 Chicago, LaSalle, and Manteno, the veteran must have developed
17 a disability by disease, wounds, or otherwise and, for
18 purposes of eligibility for nursing home care, require nursing
19 care because of the disability.

20 (f) An individual who served during a time of conflict as
21 set forth in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Section
22 has preference over all other qualifying candidates, for
23 purposes of eligibility for domiciliary or nursing home care
24 at any Illinois Veterans Home.

25 (g) A veteran or spouse, once admitted to an Illinois
26 Veterans Home facility, is considered a resident for

1 interfacility purposes.

2 (h) A non-veteran spouse shall only have the same priority
3 for admission to a Veterans Home as a veteran if the
4 non-veteran spouse and his or her veteran spouse are admitted
5 at the same time to live together at the Veterans Home.

6 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15; 99-314, eff. 8-7-15;
7 99-642, eff. 7-28-16; 100-392, eff. 8-25-17; 100-942, eff.
8 1-1-19.)

9 (20 ILCS 2805/2.02) (from Ch. 126 1/2, par. 67.02)

10 Sec. 2.02. Any widow or widower of any honorably
11 discharged veteran or veteran who received an other than
12 honorable or general (under honorable conditions) discharge
13 who meets the qualifications specified in Section 2.01 and who
14 was a resident of the State of Illinois for a continuous period
15 of one year immediately before making application, who has no
16 adequate means of support, and is unable to earn a living is
17 entitled to admission to the Illinois Veterans Homes at Anna
18 and Quincy should vacant beds exist. Preference for filling
19 vacant beds or for filling vacant beds from a waiting list
20 shall be granted first to eligible veterans.

21 (Source: P.A. 89-324, eff. 8-13-95.)

22 (20 ILCS 2805/4) (from Ch. 126 1/2, par. 69)

23 Sec. 4. A service officer shall be assigned to each field
24 office. He or she must be an honorably discharged veteran from

1 service in the Armed Forces of the United States or a
2 discharged LGBTQ veteran or veteran with a qualifying
3 condition as defined in Section 39. He or she. ~~He~~ must have
4 served during a time of hostilities with a foreign country,
5 and must meet one or more of the following conditions:

6 (i) The veteran served a total of at least 6 months.

7 (ii) The veteran served for the duration of
8 hostilities regardless of the length of engagement.

9 (iii) The veteran was discharged on the basis of
10 hardship.

11 (iv) The veteran was released from active duty because
12 of a service connected disability and was discharged under
13 honorable conditions.

14 (v) The veteran was released from active duty because
15 he or she has a qualifying condition as described in
16 subsection (a) of Section 39 and received an other than
17 honorable or general (under honorable conditions)
18 discharge.

19 (vi) The veteran was released from active duty because
20 of his or her sexual orientation or gender identity or
21 because of some other act described in the definition of
22 "discharged LGBTQ veteran" under Section 39 and received
23 an other than honorable or general (under honorable
24 conditions) discharge.

25 As used in this Section, "time of hostilities with a
26 foreign country" means any period of time in the past,

1 present, or future during which a declaration of war by the
2 United States Congress has been or is in effect or during which
3 an emergency condition has been or is in effect that is
4 recognized by the issuance of a Presidential proclamation or a
5 Presidential executive order and in which the armed forces
6 expeditionary medal or other campaign service medals are
7 awarded according to Presidential executive order.

8 (Source: P.A. 88-275.)

9 (20 ILCS 2805/39 new)

10 Sec. 39. Restoration of veterans' benefits for LGBTQ
11 veterans and other veterans discharged under other than
12 honorable conditions.

13 (a) Definitions. As used in this Section:

14 "Discharged LGBTQ veteran" means a veteran who received an
15 other than honorable or general (under honorable conditions)
16 discharge from military or naval service due to his or her
17 sexual orientation or gender identity or expression, or
18 statements, consensual sexual conduct, or consensual acts
19 relating to sexual orientation, gender identity or expression,
20 or the disclosure of such statements, conduct, or acts, that
21 were prohibited by the military or naval service at the time of
22 discharge.

23 "Veteran with a qualifying condition" means a veteran
24 diagnosed with a service-related post traumatic stress
25 disorder, a service-related traumatic brain injury, a

1 service-related mental health issue, or any other physical or
2 mental condition that is due to the veteran's status as a
3 survivor of military sexual trauma as described in 38 U.S.C.
4 1720D.

5 (b) The Department shall establish an application and
6 review process for eligible veterans who are seeking a
7 restoration of their State veterans' benefits. To be eligible
8 to apply for a restoration of State veterans' benefits under
9 this Section, an individual must be a discharged LGBTQ veteran
10 or a veteran with a qualifying condition who received an other
11 than honorable or general (under honorable conditions)
12 discharge from military or naval service. All applications
13 must be submitted in a form and manner prescribed by the
14 Department and must include the following:

15 (1) a personal statement;

16 (2) a copy of the veteran's Department of Defense form
17 DD-214;

18 (3) a copy of all of the veteran's military files;

19 (4) proof of the veteran's disability, if applicable;

20 and

21 (5) if applicable, documentation from a physician
22 licensed to provide health care services at a United
23 States Department of Veterans Affairs facility that the
24 veteran has been diagnosed with a service-related
25 post-traumatic stress disorder, a traumatic brain injury,
26 or a mental health issue, or any other physical or mental

1 condition that is due to the veteran's status as a
2 survivor of military sexual trauma as described in 38
3 U.S.C. 1720D.

4 All applications submitted to the Department shall be
5 reviewed by the Department in a timely manner. If the
6 Department finds that a veteran's application is meritorious,
7 then the Department shall provide the veteran with a written
8 copy of its finding that the veteran is eligible for State
9 veterans' benefits. The Department shall establish by rule a
10 process by which a veteran may appeal a denial of his or her
11 application. The Department shall post on its official website
12 information on the application and review process for eligible
13 veterans who are seeking a restoration of their State
14 veterans' benefits. The Department may adopt any rules
15 necessary to implement the provisions of this Section.

16 Section 60. The Illinois Procurement Code is amended by
17 changing Sections 45-57 and 45-67 as follows:

18 (30 ILCS 500/45-57)

19 Sec. 45-57. Veterans.

20 (a) Set-aside goal. It is the goal of the State to promote
21 and encourage the continued economic development of small
22 businesses owned and controlled by qualified veterans and that
23 qualified service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses
24 (referred to as SDVOSB) and veteran-owned small businesses

1 (referred to as VOSB) participate in the State's procurement
2 process as both prime contractors and subcontractors. Not less
3 than 3% of the total dollar amount of State contracts, as
4 defined by the Director of Central Management Services, shall
5 be established as a goal to be awarded to SDVOSB and VOSB. That
6 portion of a contract under which the contractor subcontracts
7 with a SDVOSB or VOSB may be counted toward the goal of this
8 subsection. The Department of Central Management Services
9 shall adopt rules to implement compliance with this subsection
10 by all State agencies.

11 (b) Fiscal year reports. By each November 1, each chief
12 procurement officer shall report to the Department of Central
13 Management Services on all of the following for the
14 immediately preceding fiscal year, and by each March 1 the
15 Department of Central Management Services shall compile and
16 report that information to the General Assembly:

17 (1) The total number of VOSB, and the number of
18 SDVOSB, who submitted bids for contracts under this Code.

19 (2) The total number of VOSB, and the number of
20 SDVOSB, who entered into contracts with the State under
21 this Code and the total value of those contracts.

22 (c) Yearly review and recommendations. Each year, each
23 chief procurement officer shall review the progress of all
24 State agencies under its jurisdiction in meeting the goal
25 described in subsection (a), with input from statewide
26 veterans' service organizations and from the business

1 community, including businesses owned by qualified veterans,
2 and shall make recommendations to be included in the
3 Department of Central Management Services' report to the
4 General Assembly regarding continuation, increases, or
5 decreases of the percentage goal. The recommendations shall be
6 based upon the number of businesses that are owned by
7 qualified veterans and on the continued need to encourage and
8 promote businesses owned by qualified veterans.

9 (d) Governor's recommendations. To assist the State in
10 reaching the goal described in subsection (a), the Governor
11 shall recommend to the General Assembly changes in programs to
12 assist businesses owned by qualified veterans.

13 (e) Definitions. As used in this Section:

14 "Armed forces of the United States" means the United
15 States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or
16 service in active duty as defined under 38 U.S.C. Section 101.
17 Service in the Merchant Marine that constitutes active duty
18 under Section 401 of federal Public Act 95-202 shall also be
19 considered service in the armed forces for purposes of this
20 Section.

21 "Certification" means a determination made by the Illinois
22 Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Department of Central
23 Management Services that a business entity is a qualified
24 service-disabled veteran-owned small business or a qualified
25 veteran-owned small business for whatever purpose. A SDVOSB or
26 VOSB owned and controlled by women, minorities, or persons

1 with disabilities, as those terms are defined in Section 2 of
2 the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons
3 with Disabilities Act, may also select and designate whether
4 that business is to be certified as a "women-owned business",
5 "minority-owned business", or "business owned by a person with
6 a disability", as defined in Section 2 of the Business
7 Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with
8 Disabilities Act.

9 "Control" means the exclusive, ultimate, majority, or sole
10 control of the business, including but not limited to capital
11 investment and all other financial matters, property,
12 acquisitions, contract negotiations, legal matters,
13 officer-director-employee selection and comprehensive hiring,
14 operation responsibilities, cost-control matters, income and
15 dividend matters, financial transactions, and rights of other
16 shareholders or joint partners. Control shall be real,
17 substantial, and continuing, not pro forma. Control shall
18 include the power to direct or cause the direction of the
19 management and policies of the business and to make the
20 day-to-day as well as major decisions in matters of policy,
21 management, and operations. Control shall be exemplified by
22 possessing the requisite knowledge and expertise to run the
23 particular business, and control shall not include simple
24 majority or absentee ownership.

25 "Qualified service-disabled veteran" means a veteran who
26 has been found to have 10% or more service-connected

1 disability by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
2 or the United States Department of Defense.

3 "Qualified service-disabled veteran-owned small business"
4 or "SDVOSB" means a small business (i) that is at least 51%
5 owned by one or more qualified service-disabled veterans
6 living in Illinois or, in the case of a corporation, at least
7 51% of the stock of which is owned by one or more qualified
8 service-disabled veterans living in Illinois; (ii) that has
9 its home office in Illinois; and (iii) for which items (i) and
10 (ii) are factually verified annually by the Department of
11 Central Management Services.

12 "Qualified veteran-owned small business" or "VOSB" means a
13 small business (i) that is at least 51% owned by one or more
14 qualified veterans living in Illinois or, in the case of a
15 corporation, at least 51% of the stock of which is owned by one
16 or more qualified veterans living in Illinois; (ii) that has
17 its home office in Illinois; and (iii) for which items (i) and
18 (ii) are factually verified annually by the Department of
19 Central Management Services.

20 "Service-connected disability" means a disability incurred
21 in the line of duty in the active military, naval, or air
22 service as described in 38 U.S.C. 101(16).

23 "Small business" means a business that has annual gross
24 sales of less than \$75,000,000 as evidenced by the federal
25 income tax return of the business. A firm with gross sales in
26 excess of this cap may apply to the Department of Central

1 Management Services for certification for a particular
2 contract if the firm can demonstrate that the contract would
3 have significant impact on SDVOSB or VOSB as suppliers or
4 subcontractors or in employment of veterans or
5 service-disabled veterans.

6 "State agency" has the meaning provided in Section
7 1-15.100 of this Code.

8 "Time of hostilities with a foreign country" means any
9 period of time in the past, present, or future during which a
10 declaration of war by the United States Congress has been or is
11 in effect or during which an emergency condition has been or is
12 in effect that is recognized by the issuance of a Presidential
13 proclamation or a Presidential executive order and in which
14 the armed forces expeditionary medal or other campaign service
15 medals are awarded according to Presidential executive order.

16 "Veteran" means a person who (i) has been a member of the
17 armed forces of the United States or, while a citizen of the
18 United States, was a member of the armed forces of allies of
19 the United States in time of hostilities with a foreign
20 country and (ii) has served under one or more of the following
21 conditions: (a) the veteran served a total of at least 6
22 months; (b) the veteran served for the duration of hostilities
23 regardless of the length of the engagement; (c) the veteran
24 was discharged on the basis of hardship; ~~or~~ (d) the veteran was
25 released from active duty because of a service connected
26 disability and was discharged under honorable conditions; (e)

1 the veteran was released from active duty because he or she has
2 a qualifying condition as described in subsection (a) of
3 Section 39 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act and
4 received an other than honorable or general (under honorable
5 conditions) discharge; or (f) the veteran was released from
6 active duty because of his or her sexual orientation or gender
7 identity or because of some other act described in the
8 definition of "discharged LGBTQ veteran" under Section 39 of
9 the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act and received an other
10 than honorable or general (under honorable conditions)
11 discharge.

12 (f) Certification program. The Illinois Department of
13 Veterans' Affairs and the Department of Central Management
14 Services shall work together to devise a certification
15 procedure to assure that businesses taking advantage of this
16 Section are legitimately classified as qualified
17 service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses or qualified
18 veteran-owned small businesses.

19 (g) Penalties.

20 (1) Administrative penalties. The chief procurement
21 officers appointed pursuant to Section 10-20 shall suspend
22 any person who commits a violation of Section 17-10.3 or
23 subsection (d) of Section 33E-6 of the Criminal Code of
24 2012 relating to this Section from bidding on, or
25 participating as a contractor, subcontractor, or supplier
26 in, any State contract or project for a period of not less

1 than 3 years, and, if the person is certified as a
2 service-disabled veteran-owned small business or a
3 veteran-owned small business, then the Department shall
4 revoke the business's certification for a period of not
5 less than 3 years. An additional or subsequent violation
6 shall extend the periods of suspension and revocation for
7 a period of not less than 5 years. The suspension and
8 revocation shall apply to the principals of the business
9 and any subsequent business formed or financed by, or
10 affiliated with, those principals.

11 (2) Reports of violations. Each State agency shall
12 report any alleged violation of Section 17-10.3 or
13 subsection (d) of Section 33E-6 of the Criminal Code of
14 2012 relating to this Section to the chief procurement
15 officers appointed pursuant to Section 10-20. The chief
16 procurement officers appointed pursuant to Section 10-20
17 shall subsequently report all such alleged violations to
18 the Attorney General, who shall determine whether to bring
19 a civil action against any person for the violation.

20 (3) List of suspended persons. The chief procurement
21 officers appointed pursuant to Section 10-20 shall monitor
22 the status of all reported violations of Section 17-10.3
23 or subsection (d) of Section 33E-6 of the Criminal Code of
24 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012 relating to this Section
25 and shall maintain and make available to all State
26 agencies a central listing of all persons that committed

1 violations resulting in suspension.

2 (4) Use of suspended persons. During the period of a
3 person's suspension under paragraph (1) of this
4 subsection, a State agency shall not enter into any
5 contract with that person or with any contractor using the
6 services of that person as a subcontractor.

7 (5) Duty to check list. Each State agency shall check
8 the central listing provided by the chief procurement
9 officers appointed pursuant to Section 10-20 under
10 paragraph (3) of this subsection to verify that a person
11 being awarded a contract by that State agency, or to be
12 used as a subcontractor or supplier on a contract being
13 awarded by that State agency, is not under suspension
14 pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection.

15 (Source: P.A. 100-43, eff. 8-9-17; 100-391, eff. 8-25-17;
16 100-863, eff. 8-14-18.)

17 (30 ILCS 500/45-67)

18 Sec. 45-67. Encouragement to hire qualified veterans. A
19 chief procurement officer may, as part of any solicitation,
20 encourage potential contractors to consider hiring qualified
21 veterans and to notify them of any available financial
22 incentives or other advantages associated with hiring such
23 persons. In establishing internal guidelines in furtherance of
24 this Section, the Department of Central Management Services
25 may work with an interagency advisory committee consisting of

1 representatives from the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the
2 Department of Employment Security, the Department of Commerce
3 and Economic Opportunity, and the Department of Revenue and
4 consisting of 8 members of the General Assembly, 2 of whom are
5 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, 2 of
6 whom are appointed by the President of the Senate, 2 of whom
7 are appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
8 Representatives, and 2 of whom are appointed by the Minority
9 Leader of the Senate.

10 For the purposes of this Section, "qualified veteran"
11 means an Illinois resident who: (i) was a member of the Armed
12 Forces of the United States, a member of the Illinois National
13 Guard, or a member of any reserve component of the Armed Forces
14 of the United States; (ii) served on active duty in connection
15 with Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, or
16 Operation Iraqi Freedom; and (iii) was honorably discharged or
17 received an other than honorable or general (under honorable
18 conditions) discharge due to the resident being a discharged
19 LGBTQ veteran or a veteran with a qualifying condition as
20 defined in subsection (a) of Section 39 of the Department of
21 Veterans' Affairs Act.

22 The Department of Central Management Services must report
23 to the Governor and to the General Assembly by December 31 of
24 each year on the activities undertaken by chief procurement
25 officers and the Department of Central Management Services to
26 encourage potential contractors to consider hiring qualified

1 veterans. The report must include the number of vendors who
2 have hired qualified veterans.

3 (Source: P.A. 100-143, eff. 1-1-18; 100-201, eff. 8-18-17.)

4 Section 65. The Illinois Income Tax Act is amended by
5 changing Sections 217 and 217.1 as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 5/217)

7 Sec. 217. Credit for wages paid to qualified veterans.

8 (a) For each taxable year beginning on or after January 1,
9 2007 and ending on or before December 30, 2010, each taxpayer
10 is entitled to a credit against the tax imposed by subsections
11 (a) and (b) of Section 201 of this Act in an amount equal to
12 5%, but in no event to exceed \$600, of the gross wages paid by
13 the taxpayer to a qualified veteran in the course of that
14 veteran's sustained employment during the taxable year. For
15 each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2010, each
16 taxpayer is entitled to a credit against the tax imposed by
17 subsections (a) and (b) of Section 201 of this Act in an amount
18 equal to 10%, but in no event to exceed \$1,200, of the gross
19 wages paid by the taxpayer to a qualified veteran in the course
20 of that veteran's sustained employment during the taxable
21 year. For partners, shareholders of Subchapter S corporations,
22 and owners of limited liability companies, if the liability
23 company is treated as a partnership for purposes of federal
24 and State income taxation, there shall be allowed a credit

1 under this Section to be determined in accordance with the
2 determination of income and distributive share of income under
3 Sections 702 and 704 and Subchapter S of the Internal Revenue
4 Code.

5 (b) For purposes of this Section:

6 "Qualified veteran" means an Illinois resident who: (i)
7 was a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, a member
8 of the Illinois National Guard, or a member of any reserve
9 component of the Armed Forces of the United States; (ii)
10 served on active duty in connection with Operation Desert
11 Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, or Operation Iraqi Freedom;
12 (iii) has provided, to the taxpayer, documentation showing
13 that he or she was honorably discharged or received an other
14 than honorable or general (under honorable conditions)
15 discharge due to the resident being a discharged LGBTQ veteran
16 or a veteran with a qualifying condition as defined in
17 subsection (a) of Section 39 of the Department of Veterans'
18 Affairs Act; and (iv) was initially hired by the taxpayer on or
19 after January 1, 2007.

20 "Sustained employment" means a period of employment that
21 is not less than 185 days during the taxable year.

22 (c) In no event shall a credit under this Section reduce
23 the taxpayer's liability to less than zero. If the amount of
24 the credit exceeds the tax liability for the year, the excess
25 may be carried forward and applied to the tax liability of the
26 5 taxable years following the excess credit year. The tax

1 credit shall be applied to the earliest year for which there is
2 a tax liability. If there are credits for more than one year
3 that are available to offset a liability, the earlier credit
4 shall be applied first.

5 (d) A taxpayer who claims a credit under this Section for a
6 taxable year with respect to a veteran shall not be allowed a
7 credit under Section 217.1 of this Act with respect to the same
8 veteran for that taxable year.

9 (Source: P.A. 96-101, eff. 1-1-10; 97-767, eff. 7-9-12.)

10 (35 ILCS 5/217.1)

11 Sec. 217.1. Credit for wages paid to qualified unemployed
12 veterans.

13 (a) For each taxable year ending on or after December 31,
14 2012 and on or before December 31, 2016, each taxpayer is
15 entitled to a credit against the tax imposed by subsections
16 (a) and (b) of Section 201 of this Act in the amount equal to
17 20%, but in no event to exceed \$5,000, of the gross wages paid
18 by the taxpayer to a qualified veteran in the course of that
19 veteran's sustained employment during each taxable year ending
20 on or after the date of hire by the taxpayer if that veteran
21 was unemployed for an aggregate period of 4 weeks or more
22 during the 6-week period ending on the Saturday immediately
23 preceding the date he or she was hired by the taxpayer. For
24 partners, shareholders of Subchapter S corporations, and
25 owners of limited liability companies, if the liability

1 company is treated as a partnership for the purposes of
2 federal and State income taxation, there shall be allowed a
3 credit under this Section to be determined in accordance with
4 the determination of income and distributive share of income
5 under Sections 702 and 704 and Subchapter S of the Internal
6 Revenue Code.

7 (b) For the purposes of this Section:

8 "Qualified veteran" means an Illinois resident who: (i)
9 was a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, a member
10 of the Illinois National Guard, or a member of any reserve
11 component of the Armed Forces of the United States; (ii)
12 served on active duty on or after September 11, 2001; (iii) has
13 provided, to the taxpayer, documentation showing that he or
14 she was honorably discharged or received an other than
15 honorable or general (under honorable conditions) discharge
16 due to the resident being a discharged LGBTQ veteran or a
17 veteran with a qualifying condition as defined in subsection
18 (a) of Section 39 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act;
19 and (iv) was initially hired by the taxpayer on or after June
20 1, 2012.

21 "Sustained employment" means (i) a period of employment
22 that is not less than 185 days following the date of hire or
23 (ii) in the case of a veteran who was unemployed for an
24 aggregate period of 6 months or more during the one-year
25 period ending on the date the veteran was hired by the
26 taxpayer, a period of employment that is more than 30 days

1 following the date of hire. The period of sustained employment
2 may be completed after the end of the taxable year in which the
3 veteran is hired.

4 A veteran is "unemployed" for a week if he or she (i) has
5 received unemployment benefits (as defined in Section 202 of
6 the Unemployment Insurance Act, including but not limited to
7 federally funded unemployment benefits) for the week, or (ii)
8 has not been employed since being honorably discharged or
9 since receiving an other than honorable or general (under
10 honorable conditions) discharge due to the veteran being a
11 discharged LGBTQ veteran or a veteran with a qualifying
12 condition as defined in subsection (a) of Section 39 of the
13 Department of Veterans' Affairs Act.

14 (c) In no event shall a credit under this Section reduce a
15 taxpayer's liability to less than zero. If the amount of
16 credit exceeds the tax liability for the year, the excess may
17 be carried forward and applied to the tax liability for the 5
18 taxable years following the excess credit year. The tax credit
19 shall be applied to the earliest year for which there is a tax
20 liability. If there are credits for more than one year that are
21 available to offset liability, the earlier credit shall be
22 applied first.

23 (d) A taxpayer who claims a credit under this Section for a
24 taxable year with respect to a veteran shall not be allowed a
25 credit under Section 217 of this Act with respect to the same
26 veteran for that taxable year.

1 (Source: P.A. 97-767, eff. 7-9-12.)

2 Section 75. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
3 changing Sections 10-1-7.1, 10-1-16, 10-2.1-6.3, 10-2.1-8, and
4 10-2.1-10 as follows:

5 (65 ILCS 5/10-1-7.1)

6 Sec. 10-1-7.1. Original appointments; full-time fire
7 department.

8 (a) Applicability. Unless a commission elects to follow
9 the provisions of Section 10-1-7.2, this Section shall apply
10 to all original appointments to an affected full-time fire
11 department. Existing registers of eligibles shall continue to
12 be valid until their expiration dates, or up to a maximum of 2
13 years after August 4, 2011 (the effective date of Public Act
14 97-251) ~~this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly.~~

15 Notwithstanding any statute, ordinance, rule, or other law
16 to the contrary, all original appointments to an affected
17 department to which this Section applies shall be administered
18 in the manner provided for in this Section. Provisions of the
19 Illinois Municipal Code, municipal ordinances, and rules
20 adopted pursuant to such authority and other laws relating to
21 initial hiring of firefighters in affected departments shall
22 continue to apply to the extent they are compatible with this
23 Section, but in the event of a conflict between this Section
24 and any other law, this Section shall control.

1 A home rule or non-home rule municipality may not
2 administer its fire department process for original
3 appointments in a manner that is less stringent than this
4 Section. This Section is a limitation under subsection (i) of
5 Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution on the
6 concurrent exercise by home rule units of the powers and
7 functions exercised by the State.

8 A municipality that is operating under a court order or
9 consent decree regarding original appointments to a full-time
10 fire department before August 4, 2011 (the effective date of
11 Public Act 97-251) ~~this amendatory Act of the 97th General~~
12 ~~Assembly~~ is exempt from the requirements of this Section for
13 the duration of the court order or consent decree.

14 Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection
15 (a), this Section does not apply to a municipality with more
16 than 1,000,000 inhabitants.

17 (b) Original appointments. All original appointments made
18 to an affected fire department shall be made from a register of
19 eligibles established in accordance with the processes
20 established by this Section. Only persons who meet or exceed
21 the performance standards required by this Section shall be
22 placed on a register of eligibles for original appointment to
23 an affected fire department.

24 Whenever an appointing authority authorizes action to hire
25 a person to perform the duties of a firefighter or to hire a
26 firefighter-paramedic to fill a position that is a new

1 position or vacancy due to resignation, discharge, promotion,
2 death, the granting of a disability or retirement pension, or
3 any other cause, the appointing authority shall appoint to
4 that position the person with the highest ranking on the final
5 eligibility list. If the appointing authority has reason to
6 conclude that the highest ranked person fails to meet the
7 minimum standards for the position or if the appointing
8 authority believes an alternate candidate would better serve
9 the needs of the department, then the appointing authority has
10 the right to pass over the highest ranked person and appoint
11 either: (i) any person who has a ranking in the top 5% of the
12 register of eligibles or (ii) any person who is among the top 5
13 highest ranked persons on the list of eligibles if the number
14 of people who have a ranking in the top 5% of the register of
15 eligibles is less than 5 people.

16 Any candidate may pass on an appointment once without
17 losing his or her position on the register of eligibles. Any
18 candidate who passes a second time may be removed from the list
19 by the appointing authority provided that such action shall
20 not prejudice a person's opportunities to participate in
21 future examinations, including an examination held during the
22 time a candidate is already on the municipality's register of
23 eligibles.

24 The sole authority to issue certificates of appointment
25 shall be vested in the Civil Service Commission. All
26 certificates of appointment issued to any officer or member of

1 an affected department shall be signed by the chairperson and
2 secretary, respectively, of the commission upon appointment of
3 such officer or member to the affected department by the
4 commission. After being selected from the register of
5 eligibles to fill a vacancy in the affected department, each
6 appointee shall be presented with his or her certificate of
7 appointment on the day on which he or she is sworn in as a
8 classified member of the affected department. Firefighters who
9 were not issued a certificate of appointment when originally
10 appointed shall be provided with a certificate within 10 days
11 after making a written request to the chairperson of the Civil
12 Service Commission. Each person who accepts a certificate of
13 appointment and successfully completes his or her probationary
14 period shall be enrolled as a firefighter and as a regular
15 member of the fire department.

16 For the purposes of this Section, "firefighter" means any
17 person who has been prior to, on, or after August 4, 2011 (the
18 effective date of Public Act 97-251) ~~this amendatory Act of~~
19 ~~the 97th General Assembly~~ appointed to a fire department or
20 fire protection district or employed by a State university and
21 sworn or commissioned to perform firefighter duties or
22 paramedic duties, or both, except that the following persons
23 are not included: part-time firefighters; auxiliary, reserve,
24 or voluntary firefighters, including paid-on-call
25 firefighters; clerks and dispatchers or other civilian
26 employees of a fire department or fire protection district who

1 are not routinely expected to perform firefighter duties; and
2 elected officials.

3 (c) Qualification for placement on register of eligibles.
4 The purpose of establishing a register of eligibles is to
5 identify applicants who possess and demonstrate the mental
6 aptitude and physical ability to perform the duties required
7 of members of the fire department in order to provide the
8 highest quality of service to the public. To this end, all
9 applicants for original appointment to an affected fire
10 department shall be subject to examination and testing which
11 shall be public, competitive, and open to all applicants
12 unless the municipality shall by ordinance limit applicants to
13 residents of the municipality, county or counties in which the
14 municipality is located, State, or nation. Any examination and
15 testing procedure utilized under subsection (e) of this
16 Section shall be supported by appropriate validation evidence
17 and shall comply with all applicable State and federal laws.
18 Municipalities may establish educational, emergency medical
19 service licensure, and other prerequisites ~~prerequisites~~ for
20 participation in an examination or for hire as a firefighter.
21 Any municipality may charge a fee to cover the costs of the
22 application process.

23 Residency requirements in effect at the time an individual
24 enters the fire service of a municipality cannot be made more
25 restrictive for that individual during his or her period of
26 service for that municipality, or be made a condition of

1 promotion, except for the rank or position of fire chief and
2 for no more than 2 positions that rank immediately below that
3 of the chief rank which are appointed positions pursuant to
4 the Fire Department Promotion Act.

5 No person who is 35 years of age or older shall be eligible
6 to take an examination for a position as a firefighter unless
7 the person has had previous employment status as a firefighter
8 in the regularly constituted fire department of the
9 municipality, except as provided in this Section. The age
10 limitation does not apply to:

11 (1) any person previously employed as a full-time
12 firefighter in a regularly constituted fire department of
13 (i) any municipality or fire protection district located
14 in Illinois, (ii) a fire protection district whose
15 obligations were assumed by a municipality under Section
16 21 of the Fire Protection District Act, or (iii) a
17 municipality whose obligations were taken over by a fire
18 protection district,

19 (2) any person who has served a municipality as a
20 regularly enrolled volunteer, paid-on-call, or part-time
21 firefighter for the 5 years immediately preceding the time
22 that the municipality begins to use full-time firefighters
23 to provide all or part of its fire protection service, or

24 (3) any person who turned 35 while serving as a member
25 of the active or reserve components of any of the branches
26 of the Armed Forces of the United States or the National

1 Guard of any state, whose service was characterized as
2 honorable or under honorable, if separated from the
3 military, and is currently under the age of 40.

4 No person who is under 21 years of age shall be eligible
5 for employment as a firefighter.

6 No applicant shall be examined concerning his or her
7 political or religious opinions or affiliations. The
8 examinations shall be conducted by the commissioners of the
9 municipality or their designees and agents.

10 No municipality shall require that any firefighter
11 appointed to the lowest rank serve a probationary employment
12 period of longer than one year of actual active employment,
13 which may exclude periods of training, or injury or illness
14 leaves, including duty related leave, in excess of 30 calendar
15 days. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this
16 Section, the probationary employment period limitation may be
17 extended for a firefighter who is required, as a condition of
18 employment, to be a licensed paramedic, during which time the
19 sole reason that a firefighter may be discharged without a
20 hearing is for failing to meet the requirements for paramedic
21 licensure.

22 In the event that any applicant who has been found
23 eligible for appointment and whose name has been placed upon
24 the final eligibility register provided for in this Division 1
25 has not been appointed to a firefighter position within one
26 year after the date of his or her physical ability

1 examination, the commission may cause a second examination to
2 be made of that applicant's physical ability prior to his or
3 her appointment. If, after the second examination, the
4 physical ability of the applicant shall be found to be less
5 than the minimum standard fixed by the rules of the
6 commission, the applicant shall not be appointed. The
7 applicant's name may be retained upon the register of
8 candidates eligible for appointment and when next reached for
9 certification and appointment that applicant may be again
10 examined as provided in this Section, and if the physical
11 ability of that applicant is found to be less than the minimum
12 standard fixed by the rules of the commission, the applicant
13 shall not be appointed, and the name of the applicant shall be
14 removed from the register.

15 (d) Notice, examination, and testing components. Notice of
16 the time, place, general scope, merit criteria for any
17 subjective component, and fee of every examination shall be
18 given by the commission, by a publication at least 2 weeks
19 preceding the examination: (i) in one or more newspapers
20 published in the municipality, or if no newspaper is published
21 therein, then in one or more newspapers with a general
22 circulation within the municipality, or (ii) on the
23 municipality's Internet website. Additional notice of the
24 examination may be given as the commission shall prescribe.

25 The examination and qualifying standards for employment of
26 firefighters shall be based on: mental aptitude, physical

1 ability, preferences, moral character, and health. The mental
2 aptitude, physical ability, and preference components shall
3 determine an applicant's qualification for and placement on
4 the final register of eligibles. The examination may also
5 include a subjective component based on merit criteria as
6 determined by the commission. Scores from the examination must
7 be made available to the public.

8 (e) Mental aptitude. No person who does not possess at
9 least a high school diploma or an equivalent high school
10 education shall be placed on a register of eligibles.
11 Examination of an applicant's mental aptitude shall be based
12 upon a written examination. The examination shall be practical
13 in character and relate to those matters that fairly test the
14 capacity of the persons examined to discharge the duties
15 performed by members of a fire department. Written
16 examinations shall be administered in a manner that ensures
17 the security and accuracy of the scores achieved.

18 (f) Physical ability. All candidates shall be required to
19 undergo an examination of their physical ability to perform
20 the essential functions included in the duties they may be
21 called upon to perform as a member of a fire department. For
22 the purposes of this Section, essential functions of the job
23 are functions associated with duties that a firefighter may be
24 called upon to perform in response to emergency calls. The
25 frequency of the occurrence of those duties as part of the fire
26 department's regular routine shall not be a controlling factor

1 in the design of examination criteria or evolutions selected
2 for testing. These physical examinations shall be open,
3 competitive, and based on industry standards designed to test
4 each applicant's physical abilities in the following
5 dimensions:

6 (1) Muscular strength to perform tasks and evolutions
7 that may be required in the performance of duties
8 including grip strength, leg strength, and arm strength.
9 Tests shall be conducted under anaerobic as well as
10 aerobic conditions to test both the candidate's speed and
11 endurance in performing tasks and evolutions. Tasks tested
12 may be based on standards developed, or approved, by the
13 local appointing authority.

14 (2) The ability to climb ladders, operate from
15 heights, walk or crawl in the dark along narrow and uneven
16 surfaces, and operate in proximity to hazardous
17 environments.

18 (3) The ability to carry out critical, time-sensitive,
19 and complex problem solving during physical exertion in
20 stressful and hazardous environments. The testing
21 environment may be hot and dark with tightly enclosed
22 spaces, flashing lights, sirens, and other distractions.

23 The tests utilized to measure each applicant's
24 capabilities in each of these dimensions may be tests based on
25 industry standards currently in use or equivalent tests
26 approved by the Joint Labor-Management Committee of the Office

1 of the State Fire Marshal.

2 Physical ability examinations administered under this
3 Section shall be conducted with a reasonable number of
4 proctors and monitors, open to the public, and subject to
5 reasonable regulations of the commission.

6 (g) Scoring of examination components. Appointing
7 authorities may create a preliminary eligibility register. A
8 person shall be placed on the list based upon his or her
9 passage of the written examination or the passage of the
10 written examination and the physical ability component.
11 Passage of the written examination means attaining the minimum
12 score set by the commission. Minimum scores should be set by
13 the commission so as to demonstrate a candidate's ability to
14 perform the essential functions of the job. The minimum score
15 set by the commission shall be supported by appropriate
16 validation evidence and shall comply with all applicable State
17 and federal laws. The appointing authority may conduct the
18 physical ability component and any subjective components
19 subsequent to the posting of the preliminary eligibility
20 register.

21 The examination components for an initial eligibility
22 register shall be graded on a 100-point scale. A person's
23 position on the list shall be determined by the following: (i)
24 the person's score on the written examination, (ii) the person
25 successfully passing the physical ability component, and (iii)
26 the person's results on any subjective component as described

1 in subsection (d).

2 In order to qualify for placement on the final eligibility
3 register, an applicant's score on the written examination,
4 before any applicable preference points or subjective points
5 are applied, shall be at or above the minimum score set by the
6 commission. The local appointing authority may prescribe the
7 score to qualify for placement on the final eligibility
8 register, but the score shall not be less than the minimum
9 score set by the commission.

10 The commission shall prepare and keep a register of
11 persons whose total score is not less than the minimum score
12 for passage and who have passed the physical ability
13 examination. These persons shall take rank upon the register
14 as candidates in the order of their relative excellence based
15 on the highest to the lowest total points scored on the mental
16 aptitude, subjective component, and preference components of
17 the test administered in accordance with this Section. No more
18 than 60 days after each examination, an initial eligibility
19 list shall be posted by the commission. The list shall include
20 the final grades of the candidates without reference to
21 priority of the time of examination and subject to claim for
22 preference credit.

23 Commissions may conduct additional examinations, including
24 without limitation a polygraph test, after a final eligibility
25 register is established and before it expires with the
26 candidates ranked by total score without regard to date of

1 examination. No more than 60 days after each examination, an
2 initial eligibility list shall be posted by the commission
3 showing the final grades of the candidates without reference
4 to priority of time of examination and subject to claim for
5 preference credit.

6 (h) Preferences. The following are preferences:

7 (1) Veteran preference. Persons who were engaged in
8 the military service of the United States for a period of
9 at least one year of active duty and who were honorably
10 discharged therefrom or who received an other than
11 honorable or general (under honorable conditions)
12 discharge because they are discharged LGBTQ veterans or
13 veterans with a qualifying condition as defined in
14 subsection (a) of Section 39 of the Department of
15 Veterans' Affairs Act, or who are now or have been members
16 on inactive or reserve duty in such military or naval
17 service, shall be preferred for appointment to and
18 employment with the fire department of an affected
19 department.

20 (2) Fire cadet preference. Persons who have
21 successfully completed 2 years of study in fire techniques
22 or cadet training within a cadet program established under
23 the rules of the Joint Labor and Management Committee
24 (JLMC), as defined in Section 50 of the Fire Department
25 Promotion Act, may be preferred for appointment to and
26 employment with the fire department.

1 (3) Educational preference. Persons who have
2 successfully obtained an associate's degree in the field
3 of fire service or emergency medical services, or a
4 bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
5 may be preferred for appointment to and employment with
6 the fire department.

7 (4) Paramedic preference. Persons who have obtained a
8 license as a paramedic may be preferred for appointment to
9 and employment with the fire department of an affected
10 department providing emergency medical services.

11 (5) Experience preference. All persons employed by a
12 municipality who have been paid-on-call or part-time
13 certified Firefighter II, certified Firefighter III, State
14 of Illinois or nationally licensed EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, or
15 paramedic, or any combination of those capacities may be
16 awarded up to a maximum of 5 points. However, the
17 applicant may not be awarded more than 0.5 points for each
18 complete year of paid-on-call or part-time service.
19 Applicants from outside the municipality who were employed
20 as full-time firefighters or firefighter-paramedics by a
21 fire protection district or another municipality may be
22 awarded up to 5 experience preference points. However, the
23 applicant may not be awarded more than one point for each
24 complete year of full-time service.

25 Upon request by the commission, the governing body of
26 the municipality or in the case of applicants from outside

1 the municipality the governing body of any fire protection
2 district or any other municipality shall certify to the
3 commission, within 10 days after the request, the number
4 of years of successful paid-on-call, part-time, or
5 full-time service of any person. A candidate may not
6 receive the full amount of preference points under this
7 subsection if the amount of points awarded would place the
8 candidate before a veteran on the eligibility list. If
9 more than one candidate receiving experience preference
10 points is prevented from receiving all of their points due
11 to not being allowed to pass a veteran, the candidates
12 shall be placed on the list below the veteran in rank order
13 based on the totals received if all points under this
14 subsection were to be awarded. Any remaining ties on the
15 list shall be determined by lot.

16 (6) Residency preference. Applicants whose principal
17 residence is located within the fire department's
18 jurisdiction may be preferred for appointment to and
19 employment with the fire department.

20 (7) Additional preferences. Up to 5 additional
21 preference points may be awarded for unique categories
22 based on an applicant's experience or background as
23 identified by the commission.

24 (7.5) Apprentice preferences. A person who has
25 performed fire suppression service for a department as a
26 firefighter apprentice and otherwise meet the

1 qualifications for original appointment as a firefighter
2 specified in this Section may be awarded up to 20
3 preference points. To qualify for preference points, an
4 applicant shall have completed a minimum of 600 hours of
5 fire suppression work on a regular shift for the affected
6 fire department over a 12-month period. The fire
7 suppression work must be in accordance with Section
8 10-1-14 of this Division and the terms established by a
9 Joint Apprenticeship Committee included in a collective
10 bargaining agreement agreed between the employer and its
11 certified bargaining agent. An eligible applicant must
12 apply to the Joint Apprenticeship Committee for preference
13 points under this item. The Joint Apprenticeship Committee
14 shall evaluate the merit of the applicant's performance,
15 determine the preference points to be awarded, and certify
16 the amount of points awarded to the commissioners. The
17 commissioners may add the certified preference points to
18 the final grades achieved by the applicant on the other
19 components of the examination.

20 (8) Scoring of preferences. The commission shall give
21 preference for original appointment to persons designated
22 in item (1) by adding to the final grade that they receive
23 5 points for the recognized preference achieved. The
24 commission may give preference for original appointment to
25 persons designated in item (7.5) by adding to the final
26 grade the amount of points designated by the Joint

1 Apprenticeship Committee as defined in item (7.5). The
2 commission shall determine the number of preference points
3 for each category, except (1) and (7.5). The number of
4 preference points for each category shall range from 0 to
5 5, except item (7.5). In determining the number of
6 preference points, the commission shall prescribe that if
7 a candidate earns the maximum number of preference points
8 in all categories except item (7.5), that number may not
9 be less than 10 nor more than 30. The commission shall give
10 preference for original appointment to persons designated
11 in items (2) through (7) by adding the requisite number of
12 points to the final grade for each recognized preference
13 achieved. The numerical result thus attained shall be
14 applied by the commission in determining the final
15 eligibility list and appointment from the eligibility
16 list. The local appointing authority may prescribe the
17 total number of preference points awarded under this
18 Section, but the total number of preference points, except
19 item (7.5), shall not be less than 10 points or more than
20 30 points. Apprentice preference points may be added in
21 addition to other preference points awarded by the
22 commission.

23 No person entitled to any preference shall be required to
24 claim the credit before any examination held under the
25 provisions of this Section, but the preference shall be given
26 after the posting or publication of the initial eligibility

1 list or register at the request of a person entitled to a
2 credit before any certification or appointments are made from
3 the eligibility register, upon the furnishing of verifiable
4 evidence and proof of qualifying preference credit. Candidates
5 who are eligible for preference credit shall make a claim in
6 writing within 10 days after the posting of the initial
7 eligibility list, or the claim shall be deemed waived. Final
8 eligibility registers shall be established after the awarding
9 of verified preference points. However, apprentice preference
10 credit earned subsequent to the establishment of the final
11 eligibility register may be applied to the applicant's score
12 upon certification by the Joint Apprenticeship Committee to
13 the commission and the rank order of candidates on the final
14 eligibility register shall be adjusted accordingly. All
15 employment shall be subject to the commission's initial hire
16 background review including, but not limited to, criminal
17 history, employment history, moral character, oral
18 examination, and medical and psychological examinations, all
19 on a pass-fail basis. The medical and psychological
20 examinations must be conducted last, and may only be performed
21 after a conditional offer of employment has been extended.

22 Any person placed on an eligibility list who exceeds the
23 age requirement before being appointed to a fire department
24 shall remain eligible for appointment until the list is
25 abolished, or his or her name has been on the list for a period
26 of 2 years. No person who has attained the age of 35 years

1 shall be inducted into a fire department, except as otherwise
2 provided in this Section.

3 The commission shall strike off the names of candidates
4 for original appointment after the names have been on the list
5 for more than 2 years.

6 (i) Moral character. No person shall be appointed to a
7 fire department unless he or she is a person of good character;
8 not a habitual drunkard, a gambler, or a person who has been
9 convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude.
10 However, no person shall be disqualified from appointment to
11 the fire department because of the person's record of
12 misdemeanor convictions except those under Sections 11-6,
13 11-7, 11-9, 11-14, 11-15, 11-17, 11-18, 11-19, 12-2, 12-6,
14 12-15, 14-4, 16-1, 21.1-3, 24-3.1, 24-5, 25-1, 28-3, 31-1,
15 31-4, 31-6, 31-7, 32-1, 32-2, 32-3, 32-4, 32-8, and
16 subsections 1, 6, and 8 of Section 24-1 of the Criminal Code of
17 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, or arrest for any cause
18 without conviction thereon. Any such person who is in the
19 department may be removed on charges brought for violating
20 this subsection and after a trial as hereinafter provided.

21 A classifiable set of the fingerprints of every person who
22 is offered employment as a certificated member of an affected
23 fire department whether with or without compensation, shall be
24 furnished to the Illinois Department of State Police and to
25 the Federal Bureau of Investigation by the commission.

26 Whenever a commission is authorized or required by law to

1 consider some aspect of criminal history record information
2 for the purpose of carrying out its statutory powers and
3 responsibilities, then, upon request and payment of fees in
4 conformance with the requirements of Section 2605-400 of the
5 State Police Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois,
6 the Department of State Police is authorized to furnish,
7 pursuant to positive identification, the information contained
8 in State files as is necessary to fulfill the request.

9 (j) Temporary appointments. In order to prevent a stoppage
10 of public business, to meet extraordinary exigencies, or to
11 prevent material impairment of the fire department, the
12 commission may make temporary appointments, to remain in force
13 only until regular appointments are made under the provisions
14 of this Division, but never to exceed 60 days. No temporary
15 appointment of any one person shall be made more than twice in
16 any calendar year.

17 (k) A person who knowingly divulges or receives test
18 questions or answers before a written examination, or
19 otherwise knowingly violates or subverts any requirement of
20 this Section, commits a violation of this Section and may be
21 subject to charges for official misconduct.

22 A person who is the knowing recipient of test information
23 in advance of the examination shall be disqualified from the
24 examination or discharged from the position to which he or she
25 was appointed, as applicable, and otherwise subjected to
26 disciplinary actions.

1 (Source: P.A. 100-252, eff. 8-22-17; 101-489, eff. 8-23-19;
2 revised 11-26-19.)

3 (65 ILCS 5/10-1-16) (from Ch. 24, par. 10-1-16)

4 Sec. 10-1-16. Veteran's preference. Persons who were
5 engaged in the active military or naval service of the United
6 States for a period of at least one year and who were honorably
7 discharged therefrom or who received an other than honorable
8 or general (under honorable conditions) discharge because they
9 are discharged LGBTQ veterans or veterans with a qualifying
10 condition as defined in subsection (a) of Section 39 of the
11 Department of Veterans' Affairs Act and all persons who were
12 engaged in such military or naval service who are now or may
13 hereafter be on inactive or reserve duty in such military or
14 naval service, not including, however, persons who were
15 convicted by court-martial of disobedience of orders, where
16 such disobedience consisted in the refusal to perform military
17 service on the ground of alleged religious or conscientious
18 objections against war, shall be preferred for appointments to
19 civil offices, positions, and places of employment in the
20 classified service of any municipality coming under the
21 provisions of this Division 1, provided they are found to
22 possess the business capacity necessary for the proper
23 discharge of the duties of such office, position, or place of
24 employment as determined by examination. For purposes of this
25 Section, if a person has been deployed, then "active duty

1 military or naval service of the United States" includes
2 training and service school attendance, as defined in 10
3 U.S.C. 101(d), which is ordered pursuant to 10 U.S.C.
4 12301(d).

5 The civil service commission shall give preference points
6 for original appointment to qualified veterans whose names
7 appear on any register of eligibles resulting from an
8 examination for original entrance in the classified service of
9 any municipality coming under the provisions of this Division
10 1 by adding to the final grade average that they receive or
11 will receive as the result of any examination held for
12 original entrance, 5 points. The numerical result thus
13 attained shall be applied by the civil service commission in
14 determining the position of those persons on any eligibility
15 list that has been created as the result of any examination for
16 original entrance for purposes of preference in certification
17 and appointment from that eligibility list. Persons who were
18 engaged in the active military or naval service of the United
19 States for a period of at least one year and who were honorably
20 discharged therefrom or who received an other than honorable
21 or general (under honorable conditions) discharge because they
22 are discharged LGBTQ veterans or veterans with a qualifying
23 condition as defined in subsection (a) of Section 39 of the
24 Department of Veterans' Affairs Act or who are now or who may
25 hereafter be on inactive or reserve duty in such military or
26 naval service, not including, however, persons who were

1 convicted by court martial of disobedience of orders where
2 such disobedience consisted in the refusal to perform military
3 service on the ground of alleged religious or conscientious
4 objections against war, and whose names appear on existing
5 promotional eligible registers or any promotional eligible
6 register that may hereafter be created, as provided for by
7 this Division 1, shall be preferred for promotional
8 appointment to civil offices, positions and places of
9 employment in the classified civil service of any municipality
10 coming under the provisions of this Division 1.

11 The civil service commission shall give preference for
12 promotional appointment to persons as hereinabove designated
13 whose names appear on existing promotional eligible registers
14 or promotional eligible registers that may hereafter be
15 created by adding to the final grade average which they
16 received or will receive as the result of any promotional
17 examination seven-tenths of one point for each 6 months or
18 fraction thereof of active military or naval service not
19 exceeding 30 months. The numerical result thus attained shall
20 be applied by the civil service commission in determining the
21 position of such persons on any eligible list which has been
22 created or will be created as the result of any promotional
23 examination held hereunder for purposes of preference in
24 certification and appointment from such eligible list.

25 No person shall receive the preference for a promotional
26 appointment granted by this Section after he or she has

1 received one promotion from an eligible list on which he or she
2 was allowed such preference.

3 No person entitled to preference or credit for military or
4 naval service hereunder shall be required to furnish evidence
5 or record of honorable discharge from the armed forces before
6 the publication or posting of any eligible register or list
7 resulting from the examination. Such preference shall be given
8 after the posting or publication of any eligible list or
9 register resulting from such examination and before any
10 certifications or appointments are made from such list or
11 register.

12 (Source: P.A. 96-83, eff. 1-1-10.)

13 (65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-6.3)

14 Sec. 10-2.1-6.3. Original appointments; full-time fire
15 department.

16 (a) Applicability. Unless a commission elects to follow
17 the provisions of Section 10-2.1-6.4, this Section shall apply
18 to all original appointments to an affected full-time fire
19 department. Existing registers of eligibles shall continue to
20 be valid until their expiration dates, or up to a maximum of 2
21 years after August 4, 2011 (the effective date of Public Act
22 97-251) ~~this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly.~~

23 Notwithstanding any statute, ordinance, rule, or other law
24 to the contrary, all original appointments to an affected
25 department to which this Section applies shall be administered

1 in the manner provided for in this Section. Provisions of the
2 Illinois Municipal Code, municipal ordinances, and rules
3 adopted pursuant to such authority and other laws relating to
4 initial hiring of firefighters in affected departments shall
5 continue to apply to the extent they are compatible with this
6 Section, but in the event of a conflict between this Section
7 and any other law, this Section shall control.

8 A home rule or non-home rule municipality may not
9 administer its fire department process for original
10 appointments in a manner that is less stringent than this
11 Section. This Section is a limitation under subsection (i) of
12 Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution on the
13 concurrent exercise by home rule units of the powers and
14 functions exercised by the State.

15 A municipality that is operating under a court order or
16 consent decree regarding original appointments to a full-time
17 fire department before August 4, 2011 (the effective date of
18 Public Act 97-251) ~~this amendatory Act of the 97th General~~
19 ~~Assembly~~ is exempt from the requirements of this Section for
20 the duration of the court order or consent decree.

21 Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection
22 (a), this Section does not apply to a municipality with more
23 than 1,000,000 inhabitants.

24 (b) Original appointments. All original appointments made
25 to an affected fire department shall be made from a register of
26 eligibles established in accordance with the processes

1 established by this Section. Only persons who meet or exceed
2 the performance standards required by this Section shall be
3 placed on a register of eligibles for original appointment to
4 an affected fire department.

5 Whenever an appointing authority authorizes action to hire
6 a person to perform the duties of a firefighter or to hire a
7 firefighter-paramedic to fill a position that is a new
8 position or vacancy due to resignation, discharge, promotion,
9 death, the granting of a disability or retirement pension, or
10 any other cause, the appointing authority shall appoint to
11 that position the person with the highest ranking on the final
12 eligibility list. If the appointing authority has reason to
13 conclude that the highest ranked person fails to meet the
14 minimum standards for the position or if the appointing
15 authority believes an alternate candidate would better serve
16 the needs of the department, then the appointing authority has
17 the right to pass over the highest ranked person and appoint
18 either: (i) any person who has a ranking in the top 5% of the
19 register of eligibles or (ii) any person who is among the top 5
20 highest ranked persons on the list of eligibles if the number
21 of people who have a ranking in the top 5% of the register of
22 eligibles is less than 5 people.

23 Any candidate may pass on an appointment once without
24 losing his or her position on the register of eligibles. Any
25 candidate who passes a second time may be removed from the list
26 by the appointing authority provided that such action shall

1 not prejudice a person's opportunities to participate in
2 future examinations, including an examination held during the
3 time a candidate is already on the municipality's register of
4 eligibles.

5 The sole authority to issue certificates of appointment
6 shall be vested in the board of fire and police commissioners.
7 All certificates of appointment issued to any officer or
8 member of an affected department shall be signed by the
9 chairperson and secretary, respectively, of the board upon
10 appointment of such officer or member to the affected
11 department by action of the board. After being selected from
12 the register of eligibles to fill a vacancy in the affected
13 department, each appointee shall be presented with his or her
14 certificate of appointment on the day on which he or she is
15 sworn in as a classified member of the affected department.
16 Firefighters who were not issued a certificate of appointment
17 when originally appointed shall be provided with a certificate
18 within 10 days after making a written request to the
19 chairperson of the board of fire and police commissioners.
20 Each person who accepts a certificate of appointment and
21 successfully completes his or her probationary period shall be
22 enrolled as a firefighter and as a regular member of the fire
23 department.

24 For the purposes of this Section, "firefighter" means any
25 person who has been prior to, on, or after August 4, 2011 (the
26 effective date of Public Act 97-251) ~~this amendatory Act of~~

1 ~~the 97th General Assembly~~ appointed to a fire department or
2 fire protection district or employed by a State university and
3 sworn or commissioned to perform firefighter duties or
4 paramedic duties, or both, except that the following persons
5 are not included: part-time firefighters; auxiliary, reserve,
6 or voluntary firefighters, including paid-on-call
7 firefighters; clerks and dispatchers or other civilian
8 employees of a fire department or fire protection district who
9 are not routinely expected to perform firefighter duties; and
10 elected officials.

11 (c) Qualification for placement on register of eligibles.
12 The purpose of establishing a register of eligibles is to
13 identify applicants who possess and demonstrate the mental
14 aptitude and physical ability to perform the duties required
15 of members of the fire department in order to provide the
16 highest quality of service to the public. To this end, all
17 applicants for original appointment to an affected fire
18 department shall be subject to examination and testing which
19 shall be public, competitive, and open to all applicants
20 unless the municipality shall by ordinance limit applicants to
21 residents of the municipality, county or counties in which the
22 municipality is located, State, or nation. Any examination and
23 testing procedure utilized under subsection (e) of this
24 Section shall be supported by appropriate validation evidence
25 and shall comply with all applicable State and federal laws.
26 Municipalities may establish educational, emergency medical

1 service licensure, and other prerequisites ~~prerequites~~ for
2 participation in an examination or for hire as a firefighter.
3 Any municipality may charge a fee to cover the costs of the
4 application process.

5 Residency requirements in effect at the time an individual
6 enters the fire service of a municipality cannot be made more
7 restrictive for that individual during his or her period of
8 service for that municipality, or be made a condition of
9 promotion, except for the rank or position of fire chief and
10 for no more than 2 positions that rank immediately below that
11 of the chief rank which are appointed positions pursuant to
12 the Fire Department Promotion Act.

13 No person who is 35 years of age or older shall be eligible
14 to take an examination for a position as a firefighter unless
15 the person has had previous employment status as a firefighter
16 in the regularly constituted fire department of the
17 municipality, except as provided in this Section. The age
18 limitation does not apply to:

- 19 (1) any person previously employed as a full-time
20 firefighter in a regularly constituted fire department of
21 (i) any municipality or fire protection district located
22 in Illinois, (ii) a fire protection district whose
23 obligations were assumed by a municipality under Section
24 21 of the Fire Protection District Act, or (iii) a
25 municipality whose obligations were taken over by a fire
26 protection district,

1 (2) any person who has served a municipality as a
2 regularly enrolled volunteer, paid-on-call, or part-time
3 firefighter for the 5 years immediately preceding the time
4 that the municipality begins to use full-time firefighters
5 to provide all or part of its fire protection service, or

6 (3) any person who turned 35 while serving as a member
7 of the active or reserve components of any of the branches
8 of the Armed Forces of the United States or the National
9 Guard of any state, whose service was characterized as
10 honorable or under honorable, if separated from the
11 military, and is currently under the age of 40.

12 No person who is under 21 years of age shall be eligible
13 for employment as a firefighter.

14 No applicant shall be examined concerning his or her
15 political or religious opinions or affiliations. The
16 examinations shall be conducted by the commissioners of the
17 municipality or their designees and agents.

18 No municipality shall require that any firefighter
19 appointed to the lowest rank serve a probationary employment
20 period of longer than one year of actual active employment,
21 which may exclude periods of training, or injury or illness
22 leaves, including duty related leave, in excess of 30 calendar
23 days. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this
24 Section, the probationary employment period limitation may be
25 extended for a firefighter who is required, as a condition of
26 employment, to be a licensed paramedic, during which time the

1 sole reason that a firefighter may be discharged without a
2 hearing is for failing to meet the requirements for paramedic
3 licensure.

4 In the event that any applicant who has been found
5 eligible for appointment and whose name has been placed upon
6 the final eligibility register provided for in this Section
7 has not been appointed to a firefighter position within one
8 year after the date of his or her physical ability
9 examination, the commission may cause a second examination to
10 be made of that applicant's physical ability prior to his or
11 her appointment. If, after the second examination, the
12 physical ability of the applicant shall be found to be less
13 than the minimum standard fixed by the rules of the
14 commission, the applicant shall not be appointed. The
15 applicant's name may be retained upon the register of
16 candidates eligible for appointment and when next reached for
17 certification and appointment that applicant may be again
18 examined as provided in this Section, and if the physical
19 ability of that applicant is found to be less than the minimum
20 standard fixed by the rules of the commission, the applicant
21 shall not be appointed, and the name of the applicant shall be
22 removed from the register.

23 (d) Notice, examination, and testing components. Notice of
24 the time, place, general scope, merit criteria for any
25 subjective component, and fee of every examination shall be
26 given by the commission, by a publication at least 2 weeks

1 preceding the examination: (i) in one or more newspapers
2 published in the municipality, or if no newspaper is published
3 therein, then in one or more newspapers with a general
4 circulation within the municipality, or (ii) on the
5 municipality's Internet website. Additional notice of the
6 examination may be given as the commission shall prescribe.

7 The examination and qualifying standards for employment of
8 firefighters shall be based on: mental aptitude, physical
9 ability, preferences, moral character, and health. The mental
10 aptitude, physical ability, and preference components shall
11 determine an applicant's qualification for and placement on
12 the final register of eligibles. The examination may also
13 include a subjective component based on merit criteria as
14 determined by the commission. Scores from the examination must
15 be made available to the public.

16 (e) Mental aptitude. No person who does not possess at
17 least a high school diploma or an equivalent high school
18 education shall be placed on a register of eligibles.
19 Examination of an applicant's mental aptitude shall be based
20 upon a written examination. The examination shall be practical
21 in character and relate to those matters that fairly test the
22 capacity of the persons examined to discharge the duties
23 performed by members of a fire department. Written
24 examinations shall be administered in a manner that ensures
25 the security and accuracy of the scores achieved.

26 (f) Physical ability. All candidates shall be required to

1 undergo an examination of their physical ability to perform
2 the essential functions included in the duties they may be
3 called upon to perform as a member of a fire department. For
4 the purposes of this Section, essential functions of the job
5 are functions associated with duties that a firefighter may be
6 called upon to perform in response to emergency calls. The
7 frequency of the occurrence of those duties as part of the fire
8 department's regular routine shall not be a controlling factor
9 in the design of examination criteria or evolutions selected
10 for testing. These physical examinations shall be open,
11 competitive, and based on industry standards designed to test
12 each applicant's physical abilities in the following
13 dimensions:

14 (1) Muscular strength to perform tasks and evolutions
15 that may be required in the performance of duties
16 including grip strength, leg strength, and arm strength.
17 Tests shall be conducted under anaerobic as well as
18 aerobic conditions to test both the candidate's speed and
19 endurance in performing tasks and evolutions. Tasks tested
20 may be based on standards developed, or approved, by the
21 local appointing authority.

22 (2) The ability to climb ladders, operate from
23 heights, walk or crawl in the dark along narrow and uneven
24 surfaces, and operate in proximity to hazardous
25 environments.

26 (3) The ability to carry out critical, time-sensitive,

1 and complex problem solving during physical exertion in
2 stressful and hazardous environments. The testing
3 environment may be hot and dark with tightly enclosed
4 spaces, flashing lights, sirens, and other distractions.

5 The tests utilized to measure each applicant's
6 capabilities in each of these dimensions may be tests based on
7 industry standards currently in use or equivalent tests
8 approved by the Joint Labor-Management Committee of the Office
9 of the State Fire Marshal.

10 Physical ability examinations administered under this
11 Section shall be conducted with a reasonable number of
12 proctors and monitors, open to the public, and subject to
13 reasonable regulations of the commission.

14 (g) Scoring of examination components. Appointing
15 authorities may create a preliminary eligibility register. A
16 person shall be placed on the list based upon his or her
17 passage of the written examination or the passage of the
18 written examination and the physical ability component.
19 Passage of the written examination means attaining the minimum
20 score set by the commission. Minimum scores should be set by
21 the commission so as to demonstrate a candidate's ability to
22 perform the essential functions of the job. The minimum score
23 set by the commission shall be supported by appropriate
24 validation evidence and shall comply with all applicable State
25 and federal laws. The appointing authority may conduct the
26 physical ability component and any subjective components

1 subsequent to the posting of the preliminary eligibility
2 register.

3 The examination components for an initial eligibility
4 register shall be graded on a 100-point scale. A person's
5 position on the list shall be determined by the following: (i)
6 the person's score on the written examination, (ii) the person
7 successfully passing the physical ability component, and (iii)
8 the person's results on any subjective component as described
9 in subsection (d).

10 In order to qualify for placement on the final eligibility
11 register, an applicant's score on the written examination,
12 before any applicable preference points or subjective points
13 are applied, shall be at or above the minimum score as set by
14 the commission. The local appointing authority may prescribe
15 the score to qualify for placement on the final eligibility
16 register, but the score shall not be less than the minimum
17 score set by the commission.

18 The commission shall prepare and keep a register of
19 persons whose total score is not less than the minimum score
20 for passage and who have passed the physical ability
21 examination. These persons shall take rank upon the register
22 as candidates in the order of their relative excellence based
23 on the highest to the lowest total points scored on the mental
24 aptitude, subjective component, and preference components of
25 the test administered in accordance with this Section. No more
26 than 60 days after each examination, an initial eligibility

1 list shall be posted by the commission. The list shall include
2 the final grades of the candidates without reference to
3 priority of the time of examination and subject to claim for
4 preference credit.

5 Commissions may conduct additional examinations, including
6 without limitation a polygraph test, after a final eligibility
7 register is established and before it expires with the
8 candidates ranked by total score without regard to date of
9 examination. No more than 60 days after each examination, an
10 initial eligibility list shall be posted by the commission
11 showing the final grades of the candidates without reference
12 to priority of time of examination and subject to claim for
13 preference credit.

14 (h) Preferences. The following are preferences:

15 (1) Veteran preference. Persons who were engaged in
16 the military service of the United States for a period of
17 at least one year of active duty and who were honorably
18 discharged therefrom or who received an other than
19 honorable or general (under honorable conditions)
20 discharge because they are discharged LGBTQ veterans or
21 veterans with a qualifying condition as defined in
22 subsection (a) of Section 39 of the Department of
23 Veterans' Affairs Act, or who are now or have been members
24 on inactive or reserve duty in such military or naval
25 service, shall be preferred for appointment to and
26 employment with the fire department of an affected

1 department.

2 (2) Fire cadet preference. Persons who have
3 successfully completed 2 years of study in fire techniques
4 or cadet training within a cadet program established under
5 the rules of the Joint Labor and Management Committee
6 (JLMC), as defined in Section 50 of the Fire Department
7 Promotion Act, may be preferred for appointment to and
8 employment with the fire department.

9 (3) Educational preference. Persons who have
10 successfully obtained an associate's degree in the field
11 of fire service or emergency medical services, or a
12 bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
13 may be preferred for appointment to and employment with
14 the fire department.

15 (4) Paramedic preference. Persons who have obtained a
16 license as a paramedic shall be preferred for appointment
17 to and employment with the fire department of an affected
18 department providing emergency medical services.

19 (5) Experience preference. All persons employed by a
20 municipality who have been paid-on-call or part-time
21 certified Firefighter II, State of Illinois or nationally
22 licensed EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, or any combination of those
23 capacities shall be awarded 0.5 point for each year of
24 successful service in one or more of those capacities, up
25 to a maximum of 5 points. Certified Firefighter III and
26 State of Illinois or nationally licensed paramedics shall

1 be awarded one point per year up to a maximum of 5 points.
2 Applicants from outside the municipality who were employed
3 as full-time firefighters or firefighter-paramedics by a
4 fire protection district or another municipality for at
5 least 2 years shall be awarded 5 experience preference
6 points. These additional points presuppose a rating scale
7 totaling 100 points available for the eligibility list. If
8 more or fewer points are used in the rating scale for the
9 eligibility list, the points awarded under this subsection
10 shall be increased or decreased by a factor equal to the
11 total possible points available for the examination
12 divided by 100.

13 Upon request by the commission, the governing body of
14 the municipality or in the case of applicants from outside
15 the municipality the governing body of any fire protection
16 district or any other municipality shall certify to the
17 commission, within 10 days after the request, the number
18 of years of successful paid-on-call, part-time, or
19 full-time service of any person. A candidate may not
20 receive the full amount of preference points under this
21 subsection if the amount of points awarded would place the
22 candidate before a veteran on the eligibility list. If
23 more than one candidate receiving experience preference
24 points is prevented from receiving all of their points due
25 to not being allowed to pass a veteran, the candidates
26 shall be placed on the list below the veteran in rank order

1 based on the totals received if all points under this
2 subsection were to be awarded. Any remaining ties on the
3 list shall be determined by lot.

4 (6) Residency preference. Applicants whose principal
5 residence is located within the fire department's
6 jurisdiction shall be preferred for appointment to and
7 employment with the fire department.

8 (7) Additional preferences. Up to 5 additional
9 preference points may be awarded for unique categories
10 based on an applicant's experience or background as
11 identified by the commission.

12 (7.5) Apprentice preferences. A person who has
13 performed fire suppression service for a department as a
14 firefighter apprentice and otherwise meet the
15 qualifications for original appointment as a firefighter
16 specified in this Section are eligible to be awarded up to
17 20 preference points. To qualify for preference points, an
18 applicant shall have completed a minimum of 600 hours of
19 fire suppression work on a regular shift for the affected
20 fire department over a 12-month period. The fire
21 suppression work must be in accordance with Section
22 10-2.1-4 of this Division and the terms established by a
23 Joint Apprenticeship Committee included in a collective
24 bargaining agreement agreed between the employer and its
25 certified bargaining agent. An eligible applicant must
26 apply to the Joint Apprenticeship Committee for preference

1 points under this item. The Joint Apprenticeship Committee
2 shall evaluate the merit of the applicant's performance,
3 determine the preference points to be awarded, and certify
4 the amount of points awarded to the commissioners. The
5 commissioners may add the certified preference points to
6 the final grades achieved by the applicant on the other
7 components of the examination.

8 (8) Scoring of preferences. The commission may give
9 preference for original appointment to persons designated
10 in item (1) by adding to the final grade that they receive
11 5 points for the recognized preference achieved. The
12 commission may give preference for original appointment to
13 persons designated in item (7.5) by adding to the final
14 grade the amount of points designated by the Joint
15 Apprenticeship Committee as defined in item (7.5). The
16 commission shall determine the number of preference points
17 for each category, except (1) and (7.5). The number of
18 preference points for each category shall range from 0 to
19 5, except item (7.5). In determining the number of
20 preference points, the commission shall prescribe that if
21 a candidate earns the maximum number of preference points
22 in all categories except item (7.5), that number may not
23 be less than 10 nor more than 30. The commission shall give
24 preference for original appointment to persons designated
25 in items (2) through (7) by adding the requisite number of
26 points to the final grade for each recognized preference

1 achieved. The numerical result thus attained shall be
2 applied by the commission in determining the final
3 eligibility list and appointment from the eligibility
4 list. The local appointing authority may prescribe the
5 total number of preference points awarded under this
6 Section, but the total number of preference points, except
7 item (7.5), shall not be less than 10 points or more than
8 30 points. Apprentice preference points may be added in
9 addition to other preference points awarded by the
10 commission.

11 No person entitled to any preference shall be required to
12 claim the credit before any examination held under the
13 provisions of this Section, but the preference may be given
14 after the posting or publication of the initial eligibility
15 list or register at the request of a person entitled to a
16 credit before any certification or appointments are made from
17 the eligibility register, upon the furnishing of verifiable
18 evidence and proof of qualifying preference credit. Candidates
19 who are eligible for preference credit may make a claim in
20 writing within 10 days after the posting of the initial
21 eligibility list, or the claim may be deemed waived. Final
22 eligibility registers may be established after the awarding of
23 verified preference points. However, apprentice preference
24 credit earned subsequent to the establishment of the final
25 eligibility register may be applied to the applicant's score
26 upon certification by the Joint Apprenticeship Committee to

1 the commission and the rank order of candidates on the final
2 eligibility register shall be adjusted accordingly. All
3 employment shall be subject to the commission's initial hire
4 background review, including, but not limited to, criminal
5 history, employment history, moral character, oral
6 examination, and medical and psychological examinations, all
7 on a pass-fail basis. The medical and psychological
8 examinations must be conducted last, and may only be performed
9 after a conditional offer of employment has been extended.

10 Any person placed on an eligibility list who exceeds the
11 age requirement before being appointed to a fire department
12 shall remain eligible for appointment until the list is
13 abolished, or his or her name has been on the list for a period
14 of 2 years. No person who has attained the age of 35 years
15 shall be inducted into a fire department, except as otherwise
16 provided in this Section.

17 The commission shall strike off the names of candidates
18 for original appointment after the names have been on the list
19 for more than 2 years.

20 (i) Moral character. No person shall be appointed to a
21 fire department unless he or she is a person of good character;
22 not a habitual drunkard, a gambler, or a person who has been
23 convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude.
24 However, no person shall be disqualified from appointment to
25 the fire department because of the person's record of
26 misdemeanor convictions except those under Sections 11-6,

1 11-7, 11-9, 11-14, 11-15, 11-17, 11-18, 11-19, 12-2, 12-6,
2 12-15, 14-4, 16-1, 21.1-3, 24-3.1, 24-5, 25-1, 28-3, 31-1,
3 31-4, 31-6, 31-7, 32-1, 32-2, 32-3, 32-4, 32-8, and
4 subsections 1, 6, and 8 of Section 24-1 of the Criminal Code of
5 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, or arrest for any cause
6 without conviction thereon. Any such person who is in the
7 department may be removed on charges brought for violating
8 this subsection and after a trial as hereinafter provided.

9 A classifiable set of the fingerprints of every person who
10 is offered employment as a certificated member of an affected
11 fire department whether with or without compensation, shall be
12 furnished to the Illinois Department of State Police and to
13 the Federal Bureau of Investigation by the commission.

14 Whenever a commission is authorized or required by law to
15 consider some aspect of criminal history record information
16 for the purpose of carrying out its statutory powers and
17 responsibilities, then, upon request and payment of fees in
18 conformance with the requirements of Section 2605-400 of the
19 State Police Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois,
20 the Department of State Police is authorized to furnish,
21 pursuant to positive identification, the information contained
22 in State files as is necessary to fulfill the request.

23 (j) Temporary appointments. In order to prevent a stoppage
24 of public business, to meet extraordinary exigencies, or to
25 prevent material impairment of the fire department, the
26 commission may make temporary appointments, to remain in force

1 only until regular appointments are made under the provisions
2 of this Division, but never to exceed 60 days. No temporary
3 appointment of any one person shall be made more than twice in
4 any calendar year.

5 (k) A person who knowingly divulges or receives test
6 questions or answers before a written examination, or
7 otherwise knowingly violates or subverts any requirement of
8 this Section, commits a violation of this Section and may be
9 subject to charges for official misconduct.

10 A person who is the knowing recipient of test information
11 in advance of the examination shall be disqualified from the
12 examination or discharged from the position to which he or she
13 was appointed, as applicable, and otherwise subjected to
14 disciplinary actions.

15 (Source: P.A. 100-252, eff. 8-22-17; 101-489, eff. 8-23-19;
16 revised 11-26-19.)

17 (65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-8) (from Ch. 24, par. 10-2.1-8)

18 Sec. 10-2.1-8. Veteran's and educational preference.
19 Persons who have successfully obtained an associate's degree
20 in the field of law enforcement, criminal justice, fire
21 service, or emergency medical services, or a bachelor's degree
22 from an accredited college or university; persons who have
23 been awarded a certificate attesting to the successful
24 completion of the Minimum Standards Basic Law Enforcement
25 Training Course as provided in the Illinois Police Training

1 Act and are currently serving as a law enforcement officer on a
2 part-time or full-time basis within the State of Illinois; and
3 persons who were engaged in the active military or naval
4 service of the United States for a period of at least one year
5 and who were honorably discharged therefrom or who received an
6 other than honorable or general (under honorable conditions)
7 discharge because they are discharged LGBTQ veterans or
8 veterans with a qualifying condition as defined in subsection
9 (a) of Section 39 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act,
10 or who are now or may hereafter be on inactive or reserve duty
11 in such military or naval service (not including, however, in
12 the case of offices, positions and places of employment in the
13 police department, persons who were convicted by court-martial
14 of disobedience of orders, where such disobedience consisted
15 in the refusal to perform military service on the ground of
16 religious or conscientious objections against war) shall be
17 preferred for appointments to offices, positions, and places
18 of employment in the fire and police departments of the
19 municipality coming under the provisions of this Division 2.1.
20 For purposes of this Section, if a person has been deployed,
21 then "active duty military or naval service of the United
22 States" includes training and service school attendance, as
23 defined in 10 U.S.C. 101(d), which is ordered pursuant to 10
24 U.S.C. 12301(d). The preference points awarded under this
25 Section shall not be cumulative.

26 This amendatory Act of 1973 does not apply to any

1 municipality which is a home rule unit.

2 Persons who have participated in that municipality's
3 police explorer or cadet program may be preferred, for a
4 maximum of 2 points, for appointments to offices, positions,
5 and places of employment in municipal police departments under
6 the provisions of this Division.

7 (Source: P.A. 98-231, eff. 8-9-13.)

8 (65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-10) (from Ch. 24, par. 10-2.1-10)

9 Sec. 10-2.1-10. Promotional preferences. Every member of
10 the classified service of the fire or police department of any
11 municipality coming under the provisions of this Division 2.1
12 who was engaged in a military or naval service of the United
13 States at anytime for a period of one year, and who was
14 honorably discharged therefrom or who received an other than
15 honorable or general (under honorable conditions) discharge
16 because the member is a discharged LGBTQ veteran or a veteran
17 with a qualifying condition as defined in subsection (a) of
18 Section 39 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act, who is
19 now or who may hereafter be on inactive or reserve duty in such
20 military or naval service, not including, however, persons who
21 were convicted by court-martial of disobedience of orders
22 where such disobedience consisted in the refusal to perform
23 military service on the ground of alleged religious or
24 conscientious objections against war, and whose name appears
25 on existing promotional eligibility registers or any

1 promotional eligibility register that may hereafter be created
2 as provided for by this Division 2.1 shall be preferred for
3 promotional appointments of the fire or police department of
4 any municipality coming under the provisions of this Division
5 2.1.

6 (Source: P.A. 76-1898.)

7 Section 80. The Fire Protection District Act is amended by
8 changing Sections 16.06b and 16.08a as follows:

9 (70 ILCS 705/16.06b)

10 Sec. 16.06b. Original appointments; full-time fire
11 department.

12 (a) Applicability. Unless a commission elects to follow
13 the provisions of Section 16.06c, this Section shall apply to
14 all original appointments to an affected full-time fire
15 department. Existing registers of eligibles shall continue to
16 be valid until their expiration dates, or up to a maximum of 2
17 years after August 4, 2011 (the effective date of Public Act
18 97-251) ~~this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly.~~

19 Notwithstanding any statute, ordinance, rule, or other law
20 to the contrary, all original appointments to an affected
21 department to which this Section applies shall be administered
22 in a no less stringent manner than the manner provided for in
23 this Section. Provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code, Fire
24 Protection District Act, fire district ordinances, and rules

1 adopted pursuant to such authority and other laws relating to
2 initial hiring of firefighters in affected departments shall
3 continue to apply to the extent they are compatible with this
4 Section, but in the event of a conflict between this Section
5 and any other law, this Section shall control.

6 A fire protection district that is operating under a court
7 order or consent decree regarding original appointments to a
8 full-time fire department before August 4, 2011 (the effective
9 date of Public Act 97-251) ~~this amendatory Act of the 97th~~
10 ~~General Assembly~~ is exempt from the requirements of this
11 Section for the duration of the court order or consent decree.

12 (b) Original appointments. All original appointments made
13 to an affected fire department shall be made from a register of
14 eligibles established in accordance with the processes
15 required by this Section. Only persons who meet or exceed the
16 performance standards required by the Section shall be placed
17 on a register of eligibles for original appointment to an
18 affected fire department.

19 Whenever an appointing authority authorizes action to hire
20 a person to perform the duties of a firefighter or to hire a
21 firefighter-paramedic to fill a position that is a new
22 position or vacancy due to resignation, discharge, promotion,
23 death, the granting of a disability or retirement pension, or
24 any other cause, the appointing authority shall appoint to
25 that position the person with the highest ranking on the final
26 eligibility list. If the appointing authority has reason to

1 conclude that the highest ranked person fails to meet the
2 minimum standards for the position or if the appointing
3 authority believes an alternate candidate would better serve
4 the needs of the department, then the appointing authority has
5 the right to pass over the highest ranked person and appoint
6 either: (i) any person who has a ranking in the top 5% of the
7 register of eligibles or (ii) any person who is among the top 5
8 highest ranked persons on the list of eligibles if the number
9 of people who have a ranking in the top 5% of the register of
10 eligibles is less than 5 people.

11 Any candidate may pass on an appointment once without
12 losing his or her position on the register of eligibles. Any
13 candidate who passes a second time may be removed from the list
14 by the appointing authority provided that such action shall
15 not prejudice a person's opportunities to participate in
16 future examinations, including an examination held during the
17 time a candidate is already on the fire district's register of
18 eligibles.

19 The sole authority to issue certificates of appointment
20 shall be vested in the board of fire commissioners, or board of
21 trustees serving in the capacity of a board of fire
22 commissioners. All certificates of appointment issued to any
23 officer or member of an affected department shall be signed by
24 the chairperson and secretary, respectively, of the commission
25 upon appointment of such officer or member to the affected
26 department by action of the commission. After being selected

1 from the register of eligibles to fill a vacancy in the
2 affected department, each appointee shall be presented with
3 his or her certificate of appointment on the day on which he or
4 she is sworn in as a classified member of the affected
5 department. Firefighters who were not issued a certificate of
6 appointment when originally appointed shall be provided with a
7 certificate within 10 days after making a written request to
8 the chairperson of the board of fire commissioners, or board
9 of trustees serving in the capacity of a board of fire
10 commissioners. Each person who accepts a certificate of
11 appointment and successfully completes his or her probationary
12 period shall be enrolled as a firefighter and as a regular
13 member of the fire department.

14 For the purposes of this Section, "firefighter" means any
15 person who has been prior to, on, or after August 4, 2011 (the
16 effective date of Public Act 97-251) ~~this amendatory Act of~~
17 ~~the 97th General Assembly~~ appointed to a fire department or
18 fire protection district or employed by a State university and
19 sworn or commissioned to perform firefighter duties or
20 paramedic duties, or both, except that the following persons
21 are not included: part-time firefighters; auxiliary, reserve,
22 or voluntary firefighters, including paid-on-call
23 firefighters; clerks and dispatchers or other civilian
24 employees of a fire department or fire protection district who
25 are not routinely expected to perform firefighter duties; and
26 elected officials.

1 (c) Qualification for placement on register of eligibles.
2 The purpose of establishing a register of eligibles is to
3 identify applicants who possess and demonstrate the mental
4 aptitude and physical ability to perform the duties required
5 of members of the fire department in order to provide the
6 highest quality of service to the public. To this end, all
7 applicants for original appointment to an affected fire
8 department shall be subject to examination and testing which
9 shall be public, competitive, and open to all applicants
10 unless the district shall by ordinance limit applicants to
11 residents of the district, county or counties in which the
12 district is located, State, or nation. Any examination and
13 testing procedure utilized under subsection (e) of this
14 Section shall be supported by appropriate validation evidence
15 and shall comply with all applicable State and federal laws.
16 Districts may establish educational, emergency medical service
17 licensure, and other prerequisites ~~prerequisites~~ for
18 participation in an examination or for hire as a firefighter.
19 Any fire protection district may charge a fee to cover the
20 costs of the application process.

21 Residency requirements in effect at the time an individual
22 enters the fire service of a district cannot be made more
23 restrictive for that individual during his or her period of
24 service for that district, or be made a condition of
25 promotion, except for the rank or position of fire chief and
26 for no more than 2 positions that rank immediately below that

1 of the chief rank which are appointed positions pursuant to
2 the Fire Department Promotion Act.

3 No person who is 35 years of age or older shall be eligible
4 to take an examination for a position as a firefighter unless
5 the person has had previous employment status as a firefighter
6 in the regularly constituted fire department of the district,
7 except as provided in this Section. The age limitation does
8 not apply to:

9 (1) any person previously employed as a full-time
10 firefighter in a regularly constituted fire department of
11 (i) any municipality or fire protection district located
12 in Illinois, (ii) a fire protection district whose
13 obligations were assumed by a municipality under Section
14 21 of the Fire Protection District Act, or (iii) a
15 municipality whose obligations were taken over by a fire
16 protection district;

17 (2) any person who has served a fire district as a
18 regularly enrolled volunteer, paid-on-call, or part-time
19 firefighter for the 5 years immediately preceding the time
20 that the district begins to use full-time firefighters to
21 provide all or part of its fire protection service; or

22 (3) any person who turned 35 while serving as a member
23 of the active or reserve components of any of the branches
24 of the Armed Forces of the United States or the National
25 Guard of any state, whose service was characterized as
26 honorable or under honorable, if separated from the

1 military, and is currently under the age of 40.

2 No person who is under 21 years of age shall be eligible
3 for employment as a firefighter.

4 No applicant shall be examined concerning his or her
5 political or religious opinions or affiliations. The
6 examinations shall be conducted by the commissioners of the
7 district or their designees and agents.

8 No district shall require that any firefighter appointed
9 to the lowest rank serve a probationary employment period of
10 longer than one year of actual active employment, which may
11 exclude periods of training, or injury or illness leaves,
12 including duty related leave, in excess of 30 calendar days.
13 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section, the
14 probationary employment period limitation may be extended for
15 a firefighter who is required, as a condition of employment,
16 to be a licensed paramedic, during which time the sole reason
17 that a firefighter may be discharged without a hearing is for
18 failing to meet the requirements for paramedic licensure.

19 In the event that any applicant who has been found
20 eligible for appointment and whose name has been placed upon
21 the final eligibility register provided for in this Section
22 has not been appointed to a firefighter position within one
23 year after the date of his or her physical ability
24 examination, the commission may cause a second examination to
25 be made of that applicant's physical ability prior to his or
26 her appointment. If, after the second examination, the

1 physical ability of the applicant shall be found to be less
2 than the minimum standard fixed by the rules of the
3 commission, the applicant shall not be appointed. The
4 applicant's name may be retained upon the register of
5 candidates eligible for appointment and when next reached for
6 certification and appointment that applicant may be again
7 examined as provided in this Section, and if the physical
8 ability of that applicant is found to be less than the minimum
9 standard fixed by the rules of the commission, the applicant
10 shall not be appointed, and the name of the applicant shall be
11 removed from the register.

12 (d) Notice, examination, and testing components. Notice of
13 the time, place, general scope, merit criteria for any
14 subjective component, and fee of every examination shall be
15 given by the commission, by a publication at least 2 weeks
16 preceding the examination: (i) in one or more newspapers
17 published in the district, or if no newspaper is published
18 therein, then in one or more newspapers with a general
19 circulation within the district, or (ii) on the fire
20 protection district's Internet website. Additional notice of
21 the examination may be given as the commission shall
22 prescribe.

23 The examination and qualifying standards for employment of
24 firefighters shall be based on: mental aptitude, physical
25 ability, preferences, moral character, and health. The mental
26 aptitude, physical ability, and preference components shall

1 determine an applicant's qualification for and placement on
2 the final register of eligibles. The examination may also
3 include a subjective component based on merit criteria as
4 determined by the commission. Scores from the examination must
5 be made available to the public.

6 (e) Mental aptitude. No person who does not possess at
7 least a high school diploma or an equivalent high school
8 education shall be placed on a register of eligibles.
9 Examination of an applicant's mental aptitude shall be based
10 upon a written examination. The examination shall be practical
11 in character and relate to those matters that fairly test the
12 capacity of the persons examined to discharge the duties
13 performed by members of a fire department. Written
14 examinations shall be administered in a manner that ensures
15 the security and accuracy of the scores achieved.

16 (f) Physical ability. All candidates shall be required to
17 undergo an examination of their physical ability to perform
18 the essential functions included in the duties they may be
19 called upon to perform as a member of a fire department. For
20 the purposes of this Section, essential functions of the job
21 are functions associated with duties that a firefighter may be
22 called upon to perform in response to emergency calls. The
23 frequency of the occurrence of those duties as part of the fire
24 department's regular routine shall not be a controlling factor
25 in the design of examination criteria or evolutions selected
26 for testing. These physical examinations shall be open,

1 competitive, and based on industry standards designed to test
2 each applicant's physical abilities in the following
3 dimensions:

4 (1) Muscular strength to perform tasks and evolutions
5 that may be required in the performance of duties
6 including grip strength, leg strength, and arm strength.
7 Tests shall be conducted under anaerobic as well as
8 aerobic conditions to test both the candidate's speed and
9 endurance in performing tasks and evolutions. Tasks tested
10 may be based on standards developed, or approved, by the
11 local appointing authority.

12 (2) The ability to climb ladders, operate from
13 heights, walk or crawl in the dark along narrow and uneven
14 surfaces, and operate in proximity to hazardous
15 environments.

16 (3) The ability to carry out critical, time-sensitive,
17 and complex problem solving during physical exertion in
18 stressful and hazardous environments. The testing
19 environment may be hot and dark with tightly enclosed
20 spaces, flashing lights, sirens, and other distractions.

21 The tests utilized to measure each applicant's
22 capabilities in each of these dimensions may be tests based on
23 industry standards currently in use or equivalent tests
24 approved by the Joint Labor-Management Committee of the Office
25 of the State Fire Marshal.

26 Physical ability examinations administered under this

1 Section shall be conducted with a reasonable number of
2 proctors and monitors, open to the public, and subject to
3 reasonable regulations of the commission.

4 (g) Scoring of examination components. Appointing
5 authorities may create a preliminary eligibility register. A
6 person shall be placed on the list based upon his or her
7 passage of the written examination or the passage of the
8 written examination and the physical ability component.
9 Passage of the written examination means attaining the minimum
10 score set by the commission. Minimum scores should be set by
11 the appointing authorities so as to demonstrate a candidate's
12 ability to perform the essential functions of the job. The
13 minimum score set by the commission shall be supported by
14 appropriate validation evidence and shall comply with all
15 applicable State and federal laws. The appointing authority
16 may conduct the physical ability component and any subjective
17 components subsequent to the posting of the preliminary
18 eligibility register.

19 The examination components for an initial eligibility
20 register shall be graded on a 100-point scale. A person's
21 position on the list shall be determined by the following: (i)
22 the person's score on the written examination, (ii) the person
23 successfully passing the physical ability component, and (iii)
24 the person's results on any subjective component as described
25 in subsection (d).

26 In order to qualify for placement on the final eligibility

1 register, an applicant's score on the written examination,
2 before any applicable preference points or subjective points
3 are applied, shall be at or above the minimum score set by the
4 commission. The local appointing authority may prescribe the
5 score to qualify for placement on the final eligibility
6 register, but the score shall not be less than the minimum
7 score set by the commission.

8 The commission shall prepare and keep a register of
9 persons whose total score is not less than the minimum score
10 for passage and who have passed the physical ability
11 examination. These persons shall take rank upon the register
12 as candidates in the order of their relative excellence based
13 on the highest to the lowest total points scored on the mental
14 aptitude, subjective component, and preference components of
15 the test administered in accordance with this Section. No more
16 than 60 days after each examination, an initial eligibility
17 list shall be posted by the commission. The list shall include
18 the final grades of the candidates without reference to
19 priority of the time of examination and subject to claim for
20 preference credit.

21 Commissions may conduct additional examinations, including
22 without limitation a polygraph test, after a final eligibility
23 register is established and before it expires with the
24 candidates ranked by total score without regard to date of
25 examination. No more than 60 days after each examination, an
26 initial eligibility list shall be posted by the commission

1 showing the final grades of the candidates without reference
2 to priority of time of examination and subject to claim for
3 preference credit.

4 (h) Preferences. The following are preferences:

5 (1) Veteran preference. Persons who were engaged in
6 the military service of the United States for a period of
7 at least one year of active duty and who were honorably
8 discharged therefrom or who received an other than
9 honorable or general (under honorable conditions)
10 discharge because they are discharged LGBTQ veterans or
11 veterans with a qualifying condition as defined in
12 subsection (a) of Section 39 of the Department of
13 Veterans' Affairs Act, or who are now or have been members
14 on inactive or reserve duty in such military or naval
15 service, shall be preferred for appointment to and
16 employment with the fire department of an affected
17 department.

18 (2) Fire cadet preference. Persons who have
19 successfully completed 2 years of study in fire techniques
20 or cadet training within a cadet program established under
21 the rules of the Joint Labor and Management Committee
22 (JLMC), as defined in Section 50 of the Fire Department
23 Promotion Act, may be preferred for appointment to and
24 employment with the fire department.

25 (3) Educational preference. Persons who have
26 successfully obtained an associate's degree in the field

1 of fire service or emergency medical services, or a
2 bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
3 may be preferred for appointment to and employment with
4 the fire department.

5 (4) Paramedic preference. Persons who have obtained a
6 license as a paramedic may be preferred for appointment to
7 and employment with the fire department of an affected
8 department providing emergency medical services.

9 (5) Experience preference. All persons employed by a
10 district who have been paid-on-call or part-time certified
11 Firefighter II, certified Firefighter III, State of
12 Illinois or nationally licensed EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, or
13 paramedic, or any combination of those capacities may be
14 awarded up to a maximum of 5 points. However, the
15 applicant may not be awarded more than 0.5 points for each
16 complete year of paid-on-call or part-time service.
17 Applicants from outside the district who were employed as
18 full-time firefighters or firefighter-paramedics by a fire
19 protection district or municipality for at least 2 years
20 may be awarded up to 5 experience preference points.
21 However, the applicant may not be awarded more than one
22 point for each complete year of full-time service.

23 Upon request by the commission, the governing body of
24 the district or in the case of applicants from outside the
25 district the governing body of any other fire protection
26 district or any municipality shall certify to the

1 commission, within 10 days after the request, the number
2 of years of successful paid-on-call, part-time, or
3 full-time service of any person. A candidate may not
4 receive the full amount of preference points under this
5 subsection if the amount of points awarded would place the
6 candidate before a veteran on the eligibility list. If
7 more than one candidate receiving experience preference
8 points is prevented from receiving all of their points due
9 to not being allowed to pass a veteran, the candidates
10 shall be placed on the list below the veteran in rank order
11 based on the totals received if all points under this
12 subsection were to be awarded. Any remaining ties on the
13 list shall be determined by lot.

14 (6) Residency preference. Applicants whose principal
15 residence is located within the fire department's
16 jurisdiction may be preferred for appointment to and
17 employment with the fire department.

18 (7) Additional preferences. Up to 5 additional
19 preference points may be awarded for unique categories
20 based on an applicant's experience or background as
21 identified by the commission.

22 (7.5) Apprentice preferences. A person who has
23 performed fire suppression service for a department as a
24 firefighter apprentice and otherwise meet the
25 qualifications for original appointment as a firefighter
26 specified in this Section are eligible to be awarded up to

1 20 preference points. To qualify for preference points, an
2 applicant shall have completed a minimum of 600 hours of
3 fire suppression work on a regular shift for the affected
4 fire department over a 12-month period. The fire
5 suppression work must be in accordance with Section 16.06
6 of this Act and the terms established by a Joint
7 Apprenticeship Committee included in a collective
8 bargaining agreement agreed between the employer and its
9 certified bargaining agent. An eligible applicant must
10 apply to the Joint Apprenticeship Committee for preference
11 points under this item. The Joint Apprenticeship Committee
12 shall evaluate the merit of the applicant's performance,
13 determine the preference points to be awarded, and certify
14 the amount of points awarded to the commissioners. The
15 commissioners may add the certified preference points to
16 the final grades achieved by the applicant on the other
17 components of the examination.

18 (8) Scoring of preferences. The commission shall give
19 preference for original appointment to persons designated
20 in item (1) by adding to the final grade that they receive
21 5 points for the recognized preference achieved. The
22 commission may give preference for original appointment to
23 persons designated in item (7.5) by adding to the final
24 grade the amount of points designated by the Joint
25 Apprenticeship Committee as defined in item (7.5). The
26 commission shall determine the number of preference points

1 for each category, except (1) and (7.5). The number of
2 preference points for each category shall range from 0 to
3 5, except item (7.5). In determining the number of
4 preference points, the commission shall prescribe that if
5 a candidate earns the maximum number of preference points
6 in all categories except item (7.5), that number may not
7 be less than 10 nor more than 30. The commission shall give
8 preference for original appointment to persons designated
9 in items (2) through (7) by adding the requisite number of
10 points to the final grade for each recognized preference
11 achieved. The numerical result thus attained shall be
12 applied by the commission in determining the final
13 eligibility list and appointment from the eligibility
14 list. The local appointing authority may prescribe the
15 total number of preference points awarded under this
16 Section, but the total number of preference points, except
17 item (7.5), shall not be less than 10 points or more than
18 30 points. Apprentice preference points may be added in
19 addition to other preference points awarded by the
20 commission.

21 No person entitled to any preference shall be required to
22 claim the credit before any examination held under the
23 provisions of this Section, but the preference shall be given
24 after the posting or publication of the initial eligibility
25 list or register at the request of a person entitled to a
26 credit before any certification or appointments are made from

1 the eligibility register, upon the furnishing of verifiable
2 evidence and proof of qualifying preference credit. Candidates
3 who are eligible for preference credit shall make a claim in
4 writing within 10 days after the posting of the initial
5 eligibility list, or the claim shall be deemed waived. Final
6 eligibility registers shall be established after the awarding
7 of verified preference points. However, apprentice preference
8 credit earned subsequent to the establishment of the final
9 eligibility register may be applied to the applicant's score
10 upon certification by the Joint Apprenticeship Committee to
11 the commission and the rank order of candidates on the final
12 eligibility register shall be adjusted accordingly. All
13 employment shall be subject to the commission's initial hire
14 background review including, but not limited to, criminal
15 history, employment history, moral character, oral
16 examination, and medical and psychological examinations, all
17 on a pass-fail basis. The medical and psychological
18 examinations must be conducted last, and may only be performed
19 after a conditional offer of employment has been extended.

20 Any person placed on an eligibility list who exceeds the
21 age requirement before being appointed to a fire department
22 shall remain eligible for appointment until the list is
23 abolished, or his or her name has been on the list for a period
24 of 2 years. No person who has attained the age of 35 years
25 shall be inducted into a fire department, except as otherwise
26 provided in this Section.

1 The commission shall strike off the names of candidates
2 for original appointment after the names have been on the list
3 for more than 2 years.

4 (i) Moral character. No person shall be appointed to a
5 fire department unless he or she is a person of good character;
6 not a habitual drunkard, a gambler, or a person who has been
7 convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude.
8 However, no person shall be disqualified from appointment to
9 the fire department because of the person's record of
10 misdemeanor convictions except those under Sections 11-6,
11 11-7, 11-9, 11-14, 11-15, 11-17, 11-18, 11-19, 12-2, 12-6,
12 12-15, 14-4, 16-1, 21.1-3, 24-3.1, 24-5, 25-1, 28-3, 31-1,
13 31-4, 31-6, 31-7, 32-1, 32-2, 32-3, 32-4, 32-8, and
14 subsections 1, 6, and 8 of Section 24-1 of the Criminal Code of
15 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, or arrest for any cause
16 without conviction thereon. Any such person who is in the
17 department may be removed on charges brought for violating
18 this subsection and after a trial as hereinafter provided.

19 A classifiable set of the fingerprints of every person who
20 is offered employment as a certificated member of an affected
21 fire department whether with or without compensation, shall be
22 furnished to the Illinois Department of State Police and to
23 the Federal Bureau of Investigation by the commission.

24 Whenever a commission is authorized or required by law to
25 consider some aspect of criminal history record information
26 for the purpose of carrying out its statutory powers and

1 responsibilities, then, upon request and payment of fees in
2 conformance with the requirements of Section 2605-400 of the
3 State Police Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois,
4 the Department of State Police is authorized to furnish,
5 pursuant to positive identification, the information contained
6 in State files as is necessary to fulfill the request.

7 (j) Temporary appointments. In order to prevent a stoppage
8 of public business, to meet extraordinary exigencies, or to
9 prevent material impairment of the fire department, the
10 commission may make temporary appointments, to remain in force
11 only until regular appointments are made under the provisions
12 of this Section, but never to exceed 60 days. No temporary
13 appointment of any one person shall be made more than twice in
14 any calendar year.

15 (k) A person who knowingly divulges or receives test
16 questions or answers before a written examination, or
17 otherwise knowingly violates or subverts any requirement of
18 this Section, commits a violation of this Section and may be
19 subject to charges for official misconduct.

20 A person who is the knowing recipient of test information
21 in advance of the examination shall be disqualified from the
22 examination or discharged from the position to which he or she
23 was appointed, as applicable, and otherwise subjected to
24 disciplinary actions.

25 (Source: P.A. 100-252, eff. 8-22-17; 101-489, eff. 8-23-19;
26 revised 11-26-19.)

1 (70 ILCS 705/16.08a) (from Ch. 127 1/2, par. 37.08a)

2 Sec. 16.08a. (a) Persons who were engaged in the military
3 or naval service of the United States for a period of at least
4 one year and who were honorably discharged therefrom or who
5 received an other than honorable or general (under honorable
6 conditions) discharge because they are discharged LGBTQ
7 veterans or veterans with a qualifying condition as defined in
8 subsection (a) of Section 39 of the Department of Veterans'
9 Affairs Act, or who are now or may hereafter be on inactive or
10 reserve duty in such military or naval service shall be
11 preferred for appointments to offices, positions, and places
12 of employment in a fire department of a district subject to
13 Sections 16.01 through 16.18.

14 (b) The board of fire commissioners shall give preference
15 for original appointment to persons designated in subsection
16 (a) whose names appear on any register of eligibles resulting
17 from an examination for original entrance in the classified
18 service of the fire department of any such district by adding
19 to the final grade average which they receive or will receive
20 as the result of any examination held for original entrance, 5
21 points. The numerical result thus attained shall be applied by
22 the board of fire commissioners in determining the position of
23 such persons on any eligibility list which has been created as
24 the result of any examination for original entrance for
25 purposes of preference in certification and appointment from

1 such eligibility list.

2 (c) Every member of the classified service of the fire
3 department of any such district who was engaged in military or
4 naval service of the United States at any time for a period of
5 at least one year and who was honorably discharged therefrom
6 or who received an other than honorable or general (under
7 honorable conditions) discharge because the member is a
8 discharged LGBTQ veteran or a veteran with a qualifying
9 condition as defined in subsection (a) of Section 39 of the
10 Department of Veterans' Affairs Act, who is now or who may
11 hereafter be on inactive or reserve duty in such military or
12 naval service, not including, however, persons who were
13 convicted by court-martial of disobedience of orders where
14 such disobedience consisted in the refusal to perform military
15 service on the ground of alleged religious or conscientious
16 objections against war, and whose name appears on existing
17 promotional eligibility registers or any promotional
18 eligibility register that may hereafter be created as provided
19 by this Act, shall be preferred for promotional appointments
20 of the fire department of any such district.

21 (d) No person entitled to preference or credit for
22 military or naval service under this Section shall be required
23 to claim such preference or credit before an examination is
24 held. Such preference shall be given after the posting or
25 publication of the eligibility list or register at the written
26 request of such person before any certification or

1 appointments are made from the eligibility register. To
2 qualify for such preference, applicants who are eligible for
3 military credit shall make a claim in writing within 10 days
4 after the posting of the eligibility list or such claims shall
5 be deemed waived. Applicants shall also furnish evidence of an
6 honorable discharge and proof of such service.

7 (Source: P.A. 86-562.)

8 Section 95. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District
9 Act is amended by changing Section 4.32 as follows:

10 (70 ILCS 2605/4.32) (from Ch. 42, par. 323.32)

11 Sec. 4.32. Persons who were engaged in the military or
12 naval service of the United States during the years 1898,
13 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, or 1919,
14 any time between September 16, 1940 and July 25, 1947, or any
15 time during the national emergency between June 25, 1950 and
16 January 31, 1955, and who were honorably discharged therefrom,
17 and all persons who were engaged in such military or naval
18 service during any of said years, any time between September
19 16, 1940 and July 25, 1947, or any time during the national
20 emergency between June 25, 1950 and January 31, 1955, or any
21 time from August 5, 1964 until the date determined by the
22 Congress of the United States as the end of Viet Nam
23 hostilities, or at any time between August 6, 1990 and the date
24 the Persian Gulf Conflict ends as prescribed by Presidential

1 proclamation or order, who are now or may hereafter be on
2 inactive or reserve duty in such military or naval service,
3 not including, however, persons who were convicted by
4 court-martial of disobedience of orders, where such
5 disobedience consisted in the refusal to perform military
6 service on the ground of alleged religious or conscientious
7 objections against war, shall be preferred for appointments to
8 offices, positions and places of employment in the classified
9 service of the District, provided they are found to possess
10 the business capacity necessary for the proper discharge of
11 the duties of such office, position, or place of employment as
12 determined by examination for original entrance. The Director
13 of Human Resources on certifying from any existing register of
14 eligibles resulting from the holding of an examination for
15 original entrance or any register of eligibles that may be
16 hereafter created of persons who have taken and successfully
17 passed the examinations provided for in this Act for original
18 entrance commenced prior to September 1, 1949, shall place the
19 name or names of such persons at the head of any existing
20 eligible register or list of eligibles that shall be created
21 under the provisions of this Act to be certified for
22 appointment. The Director of Human Resources shall give
23 preference for original appointment to persons as hereinabove
24 designated whose names appear on any register of eligibles
25 resulting from an examination for original entrance held under
26 the provisions of this Act and commenced on or after September

1 1, 1949 by adding to the final grade average which they
2 received or will receive as the result of any examination held
3 for original entrance, five points. The numerical result thus
4 attained shall be applied by the Director of Human Resources
5 in determining the position of such persons on any eligible
6 list which has been created as the result of any examination
7 for original entrance commenced on or after September 1, 1949
8 for purposes of preference in certification and appointment
9 from such eligible list.

10 Every certified Civil Service employee who was called to,
11 or who volunteered for, the military or naval service of the
12 United States at any time during the years specified in this
13 Act, or at any time between September 16, 1940 and July 25,
14 1947 or any time during the national emergency between June
15 25, 1950 and January 31, 1955, or any time from August 5, 1964
16 until the date determined by Congress of the United States as
17 the end of Viet Nam hostilities, or at any time between August
18 6, 1990 and the date the Persian Gulf conflict ends as
19 prescribed by Presidential proclamation or order, and who were
20 honorably discharged therefrom or who received an other than
21 honorable or general (under honorable conditions) discharge
22 because the member is a discharged LGBTQ veteran or a veteran
23 with a qualifying condition as defined in subsection (a) of
24 Section 39 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act or who
25 are now or who may hereafter be on inactive or reserve duty in
26 such military or naval service, not including, however,

1 persons who were convicted by court martial of disobedience of
2 orders where such disobedience consisted in the refusal to
3 perform military service on the ground of alleged religious or
4 conscientious objections against war, and whose names appear
5 on existing promotional eligible registers or any promotional
6 eligible register that may hereafter be created, as provided
7 for by this Act, shall be preferred for promotional
8 appointment to civil offices, positions and places of
9 employment in the classified civil service of the District
10 coming under the provisions of this Act.

11 The Director of Human Resources shall give preference for
12 promotional appointment to persons as hereinabove designated
13 whose names appear on existing promotional eligible registers
14 or promotional eligible registers that may hereafter be
15 created by adding to the final grade average which they
16 received or will receive as the result of any promotional
17 examination commencing prior to September 1, 1949
18 three-fourths of one point for each 6 months or fraction
19 thereof of military or naval service not exceeding 48 months,
20 and by adding to the final grade average which they will
21 receive as the result of any promotional examination held
22 commencing on or after September 1, 1949 seven-tenths of one
23 point for each 6 months or fraction thereof of military or
24 naval service not exceeding 30 months. The numerical result
25 thus attained shall be applied by the Director of Human
26 Resources in determining the position of such persons on any

1 eligible list which has been created or will be created as the
2 result of any promotional examination held hereunder for
3 purposes of preference in certification and appointment from
4 such eligible list.

5 No person shall receive the preference for a promotional
6 appointment granted by this Section after he has received one
7 promotion from an eligible list on which he was allowed such
8 preference and which was prepared as a result of an
9 examination held on or after September 1, 1949.

10 No person entitled to preference or credit for military or
11 naval service hereunder shall be required to furnish evidence
12 or record of honorable discharge from the armed forces before
13 any examination held under the provisions of this Act but such
14 preference shall be given after the posting or publication of
15 the eligible list or register and before any certification or
16 appointments are made from the eligible register.

17 (Source: P.A. 95-923, eff. 1-1-09.)

18 Section 100. The School Code is amended by changing
19 Section 22-27 as follows:

20 (105 ILCS 5/22-27)

21 Sec. 22-27. World War II, Korean Conflict, and Vietnam
22 Conflict veterans; service member killed in action; diplomas.

23 (a) Upon request, the school board of any district that
24 maintains grades 10 through 12 may award a diploma to any

1 honorably discharged veteran or veteran who received an other
2 than honorable or general (under honorable conditions)
3 discharge because the veteran is a discharged LGBTQ veteran or
4 a veteran with a qualifying condition as defined in subsection
5 (a) of Section 39 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act,
6 who:

7 (1) served in the armed forces of the United States
8 during World War II, the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam
9 Conflict;

10 (2) resided within an area currently within the
11 district;

12 (3) left high school before graduating in order to
13 serve in the armed forces of the United States; and

14 (4) has not received a high school diploma.

15 (a-5) Upon request, the school board of a school district
16 that maintains grades 10 through 12 may posthumously award a
17 diploma to any service member who was killed in action while
18 performing active military duty with the armed forces of the
19 United States if all of the following criteria have been met:

20 (1) He or she resided in an area currently within the
21 district.

22 (2) He or she left high school before graduating to
23 serve in the armed forces of the United States.

24 (3) He or she did not receive a high school diploma.

25 (b) The State Board of Education and the Department of
26 Veterans' Affairs may issue rules consistent with the

1 provisions of this Section that are necessary to implement
2 this Section.

3 (Source: P.A. 101-131, eff. 7-26-19.)

4 Section 105. The State Universities Civil Service Act is
5 amended by changing Section 36g as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 70/36g) (from Ch. 24 1/2, par. 38b6)

7 Sec. 36g. Appropriate preference in entrance examinations
8 to qualified persons who have been members of the armed forces
9 of the United States or to qualified persons who, while
10 citizens of the United States, were members of the armed
11 forces of allies of the United States in time of hostilities
12 with a foreign country, and to certain other persons as set
13 forth in this Section.

14 (a) As used in this Section:

15 (1) "Time of hostilities with a foreign country" means
16 any period of time in the past, present, or future during
17 which a declaration of war by the United States Congress
18 has been or is in effect or during which an emergency
19 condition has been or is in effect that is recognized by
20 the issuance of a Presidential proclamation or a
21 Presidential executive order and in which the armed forces
22 expeditionary medal or other campaign service medals are
23 awarded according to Presidential executive order.

24 (2) "Armed forces of the United States" means the

1 United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast
2 Guard. Service in the Merchant Marine that constitutes
3 active duty under Section 401 of federal Public Law 95-202
4 shall also be considered service in the Armed Forces of
5 the United States for purposes of this Section.

6 (b) The preference granted under this Section shall be in
7 the form of points added to the final grades of the persons if
8 they otherwise qualify and are entitled to appear on the list
9 of those eligible for appointments.

10 (c) A veteran is qualified for a preference of 10 points if
11 the veteran currently holds proof of a service connected
12 disability from the United States Department of Veterans
13 Affairs or an allied country or if the veteran is a recipient
14 of the Purple Heart.

15 (d) A veteran who has served during a time of hostilities
16 with a foreign country is qualified for a preference of 5
17 points if the veteran served under one or more of the following
18 conditions:

19 (1) The veteran served a total of at least 6 months, or

20 (2) The veteran served for the duration of hostilities
21 regardless of the length of engagement, or

22 (3) The veteran was discharged on the basis of
23 hardship, or

24 (4) The veteran was released from active duty because
25 of a service connected disability and was discharged under
26 honorable conditions, or -

1 (5) The veteran was released from active duty because
2 of a qualifying condition as described in subsection (a)
3 of Section 39 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act
4 and received an other than honorable or general (under
5 honorable conditions) discharge, or

6 (6) The veteran was released from active duty because
7 of his or her sexual orientation or gender identity or
8 because of some other act described in the definition of
9 "discharged LGBTQ veteran" under Section 39 of the
10 Department of Veterans' Affairs Act and received an other
11 than honorable or general (under honorable conditions)
12 discharge.

13 (e) A person not eligible for a preference under
14 subsection (c) or (d) is qualified for a preference of 3 points
15 if the person has served in the armed forces of the United
16 States, the Illinois National Guard, or any reserve component
17 of the armed forces of the United States and the person: (1)
18 served for at least 6 months and has been discharged under
19 honorable conditions or (2) has been discharged on the ground
20 of hardship or (3) was released from active duty because of a
21 service connected disability. An active member of the National
22 Guard or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United
23 States is eligible for the preference if the member meets the
24 service requirements of this subsection (e).

25 (f) The rank order of persons entitled to a preference on
26 eligible lists shall be determined on the basis of their

1 augmented ratings. When the Executive Director establishes
2 eligible lists on the basis of category ratings such as
3 "superior", "excellent", "well-qualified", and "qualified",
4 the veteran eligibles in each such category shall be preferred
5 for appointment before the non-veteran eligibles in the same
6 category.

7 (g) Employees in positions covered by this Act who, while
8 in good standing, leave to engage in military service during a
9 period of hostility shall be given credit for seniority
10 purposes for time served in the armed forces.

11 (h) A surviving unremarried spouse of a veteran who
12 suffered a service connected death or the spouse of a veteran
13 who suffered a service connected disability that prevents the
14 veteran from qualifying for civil service employment shall be
15 entitled to the same preference to which the veteran would
16 have been entitled under this Section.

17 (i) A preference shall also be given to the following
18 individuals: 10 points for one parent of an unmarried veteran
19 who suffered a service connected death or a service connected
20 disability that prevents the veteran from qualifying for civil
21 service employment. The first parent to receive a civil
22 service appointment shall be the parent entitled to the
23 preference.

24 (Source: P.A. 100-615, eff. 1-1-19.)

25 Section 110. The University of Illinois Act is amended by

1 changing Section 8 as follows:

2 (110 ILCS 305/8) (from Ch. 144, par. 29)

3 Sec. 8. Admissions.

4 (a) (Blank).

5 (b) In addition, commencing in the fall of 1993, no new
6 student shall then or thereafter be admitted to instruction in
7 any of the departments or colleges of the University unless
8 such student also has satisfactorily completed:

9 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
10 the following 5 categories:

11 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
12 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
13 years may be collegiate level instruction;

14 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
15 and government);

16 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
17 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
18 fundamentals of computer programming);

19 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and

20 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language
21 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
22 Language), music, vocational education or art;

23 (2) except that institutions may admit individual
24 applicants if the institution determines through
25 assessment or through evaluation based on learning

1 outcomes of the coursework taken, including vocational
2 education courses and courses taken in a charter school
3 established under Article 27A of the School Code, that the
4 applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially
5 equivalent to the knowledge and skills expected to be
6 acquired in the high school courses required for
7 admission. The Board of Trustees of the University of
8 Illinois shall not discriminate in the University's
9 admissions process against an applicant for admission
10 because of the applicant's enrollment in a charter school
11 established under Article 27A of the School Code.
12 Institutions may also admit 1) applicants who did not have
13 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
14 curriculum in high school, and 2) educationally
15 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
16 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
17 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
18 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
19 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
20 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

21 (3) except that up to 3 of the 15 units of coursework
22 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
23 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
24 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
25 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
26 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

1 (c) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
2 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
3 coursework required by subsection (b).

4 (d) A student who has graduated from high school and has
5 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or
6 SAT shall not be required to take a high school equivalency
7 test as a prerequisite to admission.

8 (e) The Board of Trustees shall establish an admissions
9 process in which honorably discharged veterans, including
10 discharged LGBTQ veterans and veterans with a qualifying
11 condition, as defined in subsection (a) of Section 39 of the
12 Department of Veterans' Affairs Act, who received an other
13 than honorable or general (under honorable conditions)
14 discharge, are permitted to submit an application for
15 admission to the University as a freshman student enrolling in
16 the spring semester if the veteran was on active duty during
17 the fall semester. The University may request that the
18 Department of Veterans' Affairs confirm the status of an
19 applicant as an honorably discharged veteran, a discharged
20 LGBTQ veteran, or a veteran with a qualifying condition who
21 was on active duty during the fall semester.

22 (Source: P.A. 98-718, eff. 1-1-15; 99-806, eff. 8-15-16.)

23 Section 120. The Chicago State University Law is amended
24 by changing Section 5-85 as follows:

1 (110 ILCS 660/5-85)

2 Sec. 5-85. Admissions.

3 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
4 of the departments or colleges of the Chicago State University
5 unless such student also has satisfactorily completed:

6 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
7 the following 5 categories:

8 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
9 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
10 years may be collegiate level instruction;

11 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
12 and government);

13 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
14 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
15 fundamentals of computer programming);

16 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and

17 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language
18 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
19 Language), music, vocational education or art;

20 (2) except that Chicago State University may admit
21 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
22 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
23 coursework taken, including vocational education courses
24 and courses taken in a charter school established under
25 Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
26 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent

1 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
2 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
3 Trustees of Chicago State University shall not
4 discriminate in the University's admissions process
5 against an applicant for admission because of the
6 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
7 under Article 27A of the School Code. Chicago State
8 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
9 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
10 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
11 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
12 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
13 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
14 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
15 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
16 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

17 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
18 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
19 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
20 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
21 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
22 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

23 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
24 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
25 coursework required by subsection (a).

26 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has

1 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or
2 SAT shall not be required to take a high school equivalency
3 test as a prerequisite to admission.

4 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
5 which honorably discharged veterans, including discharged
6 LGBTQ veterans and veterans with a qualifying condition, as
7 defined in subsection (a) of Section 39 of the Department of
8 Veterans' Affairs Act, who received an other than honorable or
9 general (under honorable conditions) discharge, are permitted
10 to submit an application for admission to the University as a
11 freshman student enrolling in the spring semester if the
12 veteran was on active duty during the fall semester. The
13 University may request that the Department of Veterans'
14 Affairs confirm the status of an applicant as an honorably
15 discharged veteran, a discharged LGBTQ veteran, or a veteran
16 with a qualifying condition who was on active duty during the
17 fall semester.

18 (Source: P.A. 98-718, eff. 1-1-15; 99-806, eff. 8-15-16.)

19 Section 125. The Eastern Illinois University Law is
20 amended by changing Section 10-85 as follows:

21 (110 ILCS 665/10-85)

22 Sec. 10-85. Admissions.

23 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
24 of the departments or colleges of the Eastern Illinois

1 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
2 completed:

3 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
4 the following 5 categories:

5 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
6 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
7 years may be collegiate level instruction;

8 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
9 and government);

10 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
11 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
12 fundamentals of computer programming);

13 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and

14 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language
15 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
16 Language), music, vocational education or art;

17 (2) except that Eastern Illinois University may admit
18 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
19 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
20 coursework taken, including vocational education courses
21 and courses taken in a charter school established under
22 Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
23 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
24 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
25 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
26 Trustees of Eastern Illinois University shall not

1 discriminate in the University's admissions process
2 against an applicant for admission because of the
3 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
4 under Article 27A of the School Code. Eastern Illinois
5 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
6 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
7 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
8 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
9 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
10 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
11 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
12 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
13 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

14 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
15 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
16 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
17 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
18 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
19 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

20 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
21 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
22 coursework required by subsection (a).

23 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
24 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or
25 SAT shall not be required to take a high school equivalency
26 test as a prerequisite to admission.

1 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
2 which honorably discharged veterans, including discharged
3 LGBTQ veterans and veterans with a qualifying condition, as
4 defined in subsection (a) of Section 39 of the Department of
5 Veterans' Affairs Act, who received an other than honorable or
6 general (under honorable conditions) discharge, are permitted
7 to submit an application for admission to the University as a
8 freshman student enrolling in the spring semester if the
9 veteran was on active duty during the fall semester. The
10 University may request that the Department of Veterans'
11 Affairs confirm the status of an applicant as an honorably
12 discharged veteran, a discharged LGBTQ veteran, or a veteran
13 with a qualifying condition who was on active duty during the
14 fall semester.

15 (Source: P.A. 98-718, eff. 1-1-15; 99-806, eff. 8-15-16.)

16 Section 130. The Governors State University Law is amended
17 by changing Section 15-85 as follows:

18 (110 ILCS 670/15-85)

19 Sec. 15-85. Admissions.

20 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
21 of the departments or colleges of the Governors State
22 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
23 completed:

24 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from

1 the following 5 categories:

2 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
3 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
4 years may be collegiate level instruction;

5 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
6 and government);

7 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
8 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
9 fundamentals of computer programming);

10 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and

11 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language
12 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
13 Language), music, vocational education or art;

14 (2) except that Governors State University may admit
15 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
16 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
17 coursework taken, including vocational education courses
18 and courses taken in a charter school established under
19 Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
20 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
21 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
22 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
23 Trustees of Governors State University shall not
24 discriminate in the University's admissions process
25 against an applicant for admission because of the
26 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established

1 under Article 27A of the School Code. Governors State
2 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
3 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
4 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
5 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
6 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
7 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
8 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
9 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
10 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

11 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
12 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
13 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
14 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
15 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
16 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

17 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
18 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
19 coursework required by subsection (a).

20 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
21 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or
22 SAT shall not be required to take a high school equivalency
23 test as a prerequisite to admission.

24 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
25 which honorably discharged veterans, including discharged
26 LGBTQ veterans and veterans with a qualifying condition, as

1 defined in subsection (a) of Section 39 of the Department of
2 Veterans' Affairs Act, who received an other than honorable or
3 general (under honorable conditions) discharge, are permitted
4 to submit an application for admission to the University as a
5 freshman student enrolling in the spring semester if the
6 veteran was on active duty during the fall semester. The
7 University may request that the Department of Veterans'
8 Affairs confirm the status of an applicant as an honorably
9 discharged veteran, a discharged LGBTQ veteran, or a veteran
10 with a qualifying condition who was on active duty during the
11 fall semester.

12 (Source: P.A. 98-718, eff. 1-1-15; 99-806, eff. 8-15-16.)

13 Section 135. The Illinois State University Law is amended
14 by changing Section 20-85 as follows:

15 (110 ILCS 675/20-85)

16 Sec. 20-85. Admissions.

17 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
18 of the departments or colleges of the Illinois State
19 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
20 completed:

21 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
22 the following 5 categories:

23 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
24 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2

1 years may be collegiate level instruction;

2 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
3 and government);

4 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
5 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
6 fundamentals of computer programming);

7 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and

8 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language
9 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
10 Language), music, vocational education or art;

11 (2) except that Illinois State University may admit
12 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
13 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
14 coursework taken, including vocational education courses
15 and courses taken in a charter school established under
16 Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
17 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
18 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
19 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
20 Trustees of Illinois State University shall not
21 discriminate in the University's admissions process
22 against an applicant for admission because of the
23 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
24 under Article 27A of the School Code. Illinois State
25 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
26 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory

1 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
2 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
3 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
4 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
5 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
6 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
7 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

8 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
9 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
10 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
11 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
12 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
13 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

14 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
15 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
16 coursework required by subsection (a).

17 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
18 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or
19 SAT shall not be required to take a high school equivalency
20 test as a prerequisite to admission.

21 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
22 which honorably discharged veterans, including discharged
23 LGBTQ veterans and veterans with a qualifying condition, as
24 defined in subsection (a) of Section 39 of the Department of
25 Veterans' Affairs Act, who received an other than honorable or
26 general (under honorable conditions) discharge, are permitted

1 to submit an application for admission to the University as a
2 freshman student enrolling in the spring semester if the
3 veteran was on active duty during the fall semester. The
4 University may request that the Department of Veterans'
5 Affairs confirm the status of an applicant as an honorably
6 discharged veteran, a discharged LGBTQ veteran, or a veteran
7 with a qualifying condition who was on active duty during the
8 fall semester.

9 (Source: P.A. 98-718, eff. 1-1-15; 99-806, eff. 8-15-16.)

10 Section 140. The Northeastern Illinois University Law is
11 amended by changing Section 25-85 as follows:

12 (110 ILCS 680/25-85)

13 Sec. 25-85. Admissions.

14 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
15 of the departments or colleges of the Northeastern Illinois
16 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
17 completed:

18 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
19 the following 5 categories:

20 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
21 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
22 years may be collegiate level instruction;

23 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
24 and government);

1 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
2 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
3 fundamentals of computer programming);

4 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and

5 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language
6 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
7 Language), music, vocational education or art;

8 (2) except that Northeastern Illinois University may
9 admit individual applicants if it determines through
10 assessment or through evaluation based on learning
11 outcomes of the coursework taken, including vocational
12 education courses and courses taken in a charter school
13 established under Article 27A of the School Code, that the
14 applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially
15 equivalent to the knowledge and skills expected to be
16 acquired in the high school courses required for
17 admission. The Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois
18 University shall not discriminate in the University's
19 admissions process against an applicant for admission
20 because of the applicant's enrollment in a charter school
21 established under Article 27A of the School Code.
22 Northeastern Illinois University may also admit (i)
23 applicants who did not have an opportunity to complete the
24 minimum college preparatory curriculum in high school, and
25 (ii) educationally disadvantaged applicants who are
26 admitted to the formal organized special assistance

1 programs that are tailored to the needs of such students,
2 providing that in either case, the institution
3 incorporates in the applicant's baccalaureate curriculum
4 courses or other academic activities that compensate for
5 course deficiencies; and

6 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
7 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
8 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
9 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
10 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
11 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

12 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
13 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
14 coursework required by subsection (a).

15 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
16 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or
17 SAT shall not be required to take a high school equivalency
18 test as a prerequisite to admission.

19 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
20 which honorably discharged veterans, including discharged
21 LGBTQ veterans and veterans with a qualifying condition, as
22 defined in subsection (a) of Section 39 of the Department of
23 Veterans' Affairs Act, who received an other than honorable or
24 general (under honorable conditions) discharge, are permitted
25 to submit an application for admission to the University as a
26 freshman student enrolling in the spring semester if the

1 veteran was on active duty during the fall semester. The
2 University may request that the Department of Veterans'
3 Affairs confirm the status of an applicant as an honorably
4 discharged veteran, a discharged LGBTQ veteran, or a veteran
5 with a qualifying condition who was on active duty during the
6 fall semester.

7 (Source: P.A. 98-718, eff. 1-1-15; 99-806, eff. 8-15-16.)

8 Section 145. The Northern Illinois University Law is
9 amended by changing Section 30-85 as follows:

10 (110 ILCS 685/30-85)

11 Sec. 30-85. Admissions.

12 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
13 of the departments or colleges of the Northern Illinois
14 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
15 completed:

16 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
17 the following 5 categories:

18 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
19 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
20 years may be collegiate level instruction;

21 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
22 and government);

23 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
24 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or

1 fundamentals of computer programming);

2 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and

3 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language
4 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
5 Language), music, vocational education or art;

6 (2) except that Northern Illinois University may admit
7 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
8 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
9 coursework taken, including vocational education courses
10 and courses taken in a charter school established under
11 Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
12 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
13 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
14 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
15 Trustees of Northern Illinois University shall not
16 discriminate in the University's admissions process
17 against an applicant for admission because of the
18 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
19 under Article 27A of the School Code. Northern Illinois
20 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
21 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
22 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
23 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
24 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
25 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
26 the institution incorporates in the applicant's

1 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
2 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

3 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
4 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
5 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
6 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
7 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
8 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

9 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
10 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
11 coursework required by subsection (a).

12 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
13 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or
14 SAT shall not be required to take a high school equivalency
15 test as a prerequisite to admission.

16 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
17 which honorably discharged veterans, including discharged
18 LGBTQ veterans and veterans with a qualifying condition, as
19 defined in subsection (a) of Section 39 of the Department of
20 Veterans' Affairs Act, who received an other than honorable or
21 general (under honorable conditions) discharge, are permitted
22 to submit an application for admission to the University as a
23 freshman student enrolling in the spring semester if the
24 veteran was on active duty during the fall semester. The
25 University may request that the Department of Veterans'
26 Affairs confirm the status of an applicant as an honorably

1 discharged veteran, a discharged LGBTQ veteran, or a veteran
2 with a qualifying condition who was on active duty during the
3 fall semester.

4 (Source: P.A. 98-718, eff. 1-1-15; 99-806, eff. 8-15-16.)

5 Section 150. The Western Illinois University Law is
6 amended by changing Section 35-85 as follows:

7 (110 ILCS 690/35-85)

8 Sec. 35-85. Admissions.

9 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
10 of the departments or colleges of the Western Illinois
11 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
12 completed:

13 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
14 the following 5 categories:

15 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
16 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
17 years may be collegiate level instruction;

18 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
19 and government);

20 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
21 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
22 fundamentals of computer programming);

23 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and

24 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language

1 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
2 Language), music, vocational education or art;

3 (2) except that Western Illinois University may admit
4 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
5 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
6 coursework taken, including vocational education courses
7 and courses taken in a charter school established under
8 Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
9 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
10 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
11 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
12 Trustees of Western Illinois University shall not
13 discriminate in the University's admissions process
14 against an applicant for admission because of the
15 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
16 under Article 27A of the School Code. Western Illinois
17 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
18 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
19 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
20 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
21 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
22 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
23 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
24 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
25 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

26 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework

1 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
2 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
3 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
4 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
5 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

6 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
7 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
8 coursework required by subsection (a).

9 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
10 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or
11 SAT shall not be required to take a high school equivalency
12 test as a prerequisite to admission.

13 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
14 which honorably discharged veterans, including discharged
15 LGBTQ veterans and veterans with a qualifying condition, as
16 defined in subsection (a) of Section 39 of the Department of
17 Veterans' Affairs Act, who received an other than honorable or
18 general (under honorable conditions) discharge, are permitted
19 to submit an application for admission to the University as a
20 freshman student enrolling in the spring semester if the
21 veteran was on active duty during the fall semester. The
22 University may request that the Department of Veterans'
23 Affairs confirm the status of an applicant as an honorably
24 discharged veteran, a discharged LGBTQ veteran, or a veteran
25 with a qualifying condition who was on active duty during the
26 fall semester.

1 (Source: P.A. 98-718, eff. 1-1-15; 99-806, eff. 8-15-16.)

2 Section 155. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems
3 Act is amended by changing Section 3.50 as follows:

4 (210 ILCS 50/3.50)

5 Sec. 3.50. Emergency Medical Services personnel licensure
6 levels.

7 (a) "Emergency Medical Technician" or "EMT" means a person
8 who has successfully completed a course in basic life support
9 as approved by the Department, is currently licensed by the
10 Department in accordance with standards prescribed by this Act
11 and rules adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act, and
12 practices within an EMS System. A valid Emergency Medical
13 Technician-Basic (EMT-B) license issued under this Act shall
14 continue to be valid and shall be recognized as an Emergency
15 Medical Technician (EMT) license until the Emergency Medical
16 Technician-Basic (EMT-B) license expires.

17 (b) "Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate" or "EMT-I"
18 means a person who has successfully completed a course in
19 intermediate life support as approved by the Department, is
20 currently licensed by the Department in accordance with
21 standards prescribed by this Act and rules adopted by the
22 Department pursuant to this Act, and practices within an
23 Intermediate or Advanced Life Support EMS System.

24 (b-5) "Advanced Emergency Medical Technician" or "A-EMT"

1 means a person who has successfully completed a course in
2 basic and limited advanced emergency medical care as approved
3 by the Department, is currently licensed by the Department in
4 accordance with standards prescribed by this Act and rules
5 adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act, and practices
6 within an Intermediate or Advanced Life Support EMS System.

7 (c) "Paramedic (EMT-P)" means a person who has
8 successfully completed a course in advanced life support care
9 as approved by the Department, is licensed by the Department
10 in accordance with standards prescribed by this Act and rules
11 adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act, and practices
12 within an Advanced Life Support EMS System. A valid Emergency
13 Medical Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P) license issued under this
14 Act shall continue to be valid and shall be recognized as a
15 Paramedic license until the Emergency Medical
16 Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P) license expires.

17 (c-5) "Emergency Medical Responder" or "EMR (First
18 Responder)" means a person who has successfully completed a
19 course in emergency medical response as approved by the
20 Department and provides emergency medical response services
21 prior to the arrival of an ambulance or specialized emergency
22 medical services vehicle, in accordance with the level of care
23 established by the National EMS Educational Standards
24 Emergency Medical Responder course as modified by the
25 Department. An Emergency Medical Responder who provides
26 services as part of an EMS System response plan shall comply

1 with the applicable sections of the Program Plan, as approved
2 by the Department, of that EMS System. The Department shall
3 have the authority to adopt rules governing the curriculum,
4 practice, and necessary equipment applicable to Emergency
5 Medical Responders.

6 On August 15, 2014 (the effective date of Public Act
7 98-973), a person who is licensed by the Department as a First
8 Responder and has completed a Department-approved course in
9 first responder defibrillator training based on, or equivalent
10 to, the National EMS Educational Standards or other standards
11 previously recognized by the Department shall be eligible for
12 licensure as an Emergency Medical Responder upon meeting the
13 licensure requirements and submitting an application to the
14 Department. A valid First Responder license issued under this
15 Act shall continue to be valid and shall be recognized as an
16 Emergency Medical Responder license until the First Responder
17 license expires.

18 (c-10) All EMS Systems and licensees shall be fully
19 compliant with the National EMS Education Standards, as
20 modified by the Department in administrative rules, within 24
21 months after the adoption of the administrative rules.

22 (d) The Department shall have the authority and
23 responsibility to:

- 24 (1) Prescribe education and training requirements,
25 which includes training in the use of epinephrine, for all
26 levels of EMS personnel except for EMRs, based on the

1 National EMS Educational Standards and any modifications
2 to those curricula specified by the Department through
3 rules adopted pursuant to this Act.

4 (2) Prescribe licensure testing requirements for all
5 levels of EMS personnel, which shall include a requirement
6 that all phases of instruction, training, and field
7 experience be completed before taking the appropriate
8 licensure examination. Candidates may elect to take the
9 appropriate National Registry examination in lieu of the
10 Department's examination, but are responsible for making
11 their own arrangements for taking the National Registry
12 examination. In prescribing licensure testing requirements
13 for honorably discharged members of the armed forces of
14 the United States under this paragraph (2), including
15 discharged LGBTQ veterans and veterans with a qualifying
16 condition, as defined in subsection (a) of Section 39 of
17 the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act, who received an
18 other than honorable or general (under honorable
19 conditions) discharge, the Department shall ensure that a
20 candidate's military emergency medical training, emergency
21 medical curriculum completed, and clinical experience, as
22 described in paragraph (2.5), are recognized.

23 (2.5) Review applications for EMS personnel licensure
24 from honorably discharged members of the armed forces of
25 the United States with military emergency medical
26 training, including discharged LGBTQ veterans and veterans

1 with a qualifying condition, as defined in subsection (a)
2 of Section 39 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act,
3 who received an other than honorable or general (under
4 honorable conditions) discharge. Applications shall be
5 filed with the Department within one year after military
6 discharge and shall contain: (i) proof of successful
7 completion of military emergency medical training; (ii) a
8 detailed description of the emergency medical curriculum
9 completed; and (iii) a detailed description of the
10 applicant's clinical experience. The Department may
11 request additional and clarifying information. The
12 Department shall evaluate the application, including the
13 applicant's training and experience, consistent with the
14 standards set forth under subsections (a), (b), (c), and
15 (d) of Section 3.10. If the application clearly
16 demonstrates that the training and experience meet such
17 standards, the Department shall offer the applicant the
18 opportunity to successfully complete a Department-approved
19 EMS personnel examination for the level of license for
20 which the applicant is qualified. Upon passage of an
21 examination, the Department shall issue a license, which
22 shall be subject to all provisions of this Act that are
23 otherwise applicable to the level of EMS personnel license
24 issued.

25 (3) License individuals as an EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT,
26 or Paramedic who have met the Department's education,

1 training and examination requirements.

2 (4) Prescribe annual continuing education and
3 relicensure requirements for all EMS personnel licensure
4 levels.

5 (5) Relicense individuals as an EMD, EMR, EMT, EMT-I,
6 A-EMT, PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or Paramedic every 4 years,
7 based on their compliance with continuing education and
8 relicensure requirements as required by the Department
9 pursuant to this Act. Every 4 years, a Paramedic shall
10 have 100 hours of approved continuing education, an EMT-I
11 and an advanced EMT shall have 80 hours of approved
12 continuing education, and an EMT shall have 60 hours of
13 approved continuing education. An Illinois licensed EMR,
14 EMD, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, Paramedic, ECRN, PHPA, PHAPRN, or
15 PHRN whose license has been expired for less than 36
16 months may apply for reinstatement by the Department.
17 Reinstatement shall require that the applicant (i) submit
18 satisfactory proof of completion of continuing medical
19 education and clinical requirements to be prescribed by
20 the Department in an administrative rule; (ii) submit a
21 positive recommendation from an Illinois EMS Medical
22 Director attesting to the applicant's qualifications for
23 retesting; and (iii) pass a Department approved test for
24 the level of EMS personnel license sought to be
25 reinstated.

26 (6) Grant inactive status to any EMR, EMD, EMT, EMT-I,

1 A-EMT, Paramedic, ECRN, PHAPRN, PHPA, or PHRN who
2 qualifies, based on standards and procedures established
3 by the Department in rules adopted pursuant to this Act.

4 (7) Charge a fee for EMS personnel examination,
5 licensure, and license renewal.

6 (8) Suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew the
7 license of any licensee, after an opportunity for an
8 impartial hearing before a neutral administrative law
9 judge appointed by the Director, where the preponderance
10 of the evidence shows one or more of the following:

11 (A) The licensee has not met continuing education
12 or relicensure requirements as prescribed by the
13 Department;

14 (B) The licensee has failed to maintain
15 proficiency in the level of skills for which he or she
16 is licensed;

17 (C) The licensee, during the provision of medical
18 services, engaged in dishonorable, unethical, or
19 unprofessional conduct of a character likely to
20 deceive, defraud, or harm the public;

21 (D) The licensee has failed to maintain or has
22 violated standards of performance and conduct as
23 prescribed by the Department in rules adopted pursuant
24 to this Act or his or her EMS System's Program Plan;

25 (E) The licensee is physically impaired to the
26 extent that he or she cannot physically perform the

1 skills and functions for which he or she is licensed,
2 as verified by a physician, unless the person is on
3 inactive status pursuant to Department regulations;

4 (F) The licensee is mentally impaired to the
5 extent that he or she cannot exercise the appropriate
6 judgment, skill and safety for performing the
7 functions for which he or she is licensed, as verified
8 by a physician, unless the person is on inactive
9 status pursuant to Department regulations;

10 (G) The licensee has violated this Act or any rule
11 adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act; or

12 (H) The licensee has been convicted (or entered a
13 plea of guilty or nolo contendere ~~nolo contendere~~) by
14 a court of competent jurisdiction of a Class X, Class
15 1, or Class 2 felony in this State or an out-of-state
16 equivalent offense.

17 (9) Prescribe education and training requirements in
18 the administration and use of opioid antagonists for all
19 levels of EMS personnel based on the National EMS
20 Educational Standards and any modifications to those
21 curricula specified by the Department through rules
22 adopted pursuant to this Act.

23 (d-5) An EMR, EMD, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, Paramedic, ECRN,
24 PHAPRN, PHPA, or PHRN who is a member of the Illinois National
25 Guard or an Illinois State Trooper or who exclusively serves
26 as a volunteer for units of local government with a population

1 base of less than 5,000 or as a volunteer for a not-for-profit
2 organization that serves a service area with a population base
3 of less than 5,000 may submit an application to the Department
4 for a waiver of the fees described under paragraph (7) of
5 subsection (d) of this Section on a form prescribed by the
6 Department.

7 The education requirements prescribed by the Department
8 under this Section must allow for the suspension of those
9 requirements in the case of a member of the armed services or
10 reserve forces of the United States or a member of the Illinois
11 National Guard who is on active duty pursuant to an executive
12 order of the President of the United States, an act of the
13 Congress of the United States, or an order of the Governor at
14 the time that the member would otherwise be required to
15 fulfill a particular education requirement. Such a person must
16 fulfill the education requirement within 6 months after his or
17 her release from active duty.

18 (e) In the event that any rule of the Department or an EMS
19 Medical Director that requires testing for drug use as a
20 condition of the applicable EMS personnel license conflicts
21 with or duplicates a provision of a collective bargaining
22 agreement that requires testing for drug use, that rule shall
23 not apply to any person covered by the collective bargaining
24 agreement.

25 (f) At the time of applying for or renewing his or her
26 license, an applicant for a license or license renewal may

1 submit an email address to the Department. The Department
2 shall keep the email address on file as a form of contact for
3 the individual. The Department shall send license renewal
4 notices electronically and by mail to a licensee ~~all licensees~~
5 who provides ~~provide~~ the Department with his or her email
6 address. The notices shall be sent at least 60 days prior to
7 the expiration date of the license.

8 (Source: P.A. 100-1082, eff. 8-24-19; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19;
9 101-153, eff. 1-1-20; revised 12-3-19.)

10 Section 160. The Illinois Insurance Code is amended by
11 changing Section 368f as follows:

12 (215 ILCS 5/368f)

13 Sec. 368f. Military service member insurance
14 reinstatement.

15 (a) No Illinois resident activated for military service
16 and no spouse or dependent of the resident who becomes
17 eligible for a federal government-sponsored health insurance
18 program, including the TriCare program providing coverage for
19 civilian dependents of military personnel, as a result of the
20 activation shall be denied reinstatement into the same
21 individual health insurance coverage with the health insurer
22 that the resident lapsed as a result of activation or becoming
23 covered by the federal government-sponsored health insurance
24 program. The resident shall have the right to reinstatement in

1 the same individual health insurance coverage without medical
2 underwriting, subject to payment of the current premium
3 charged to other persons of the same age and gender that are
4 covered under the same individual health coverage. Except in
5 the case of birth or adoption that occurs during the period of
6 activation, reinstatement must be into the same coverage type
7 as the resident held prior to lapsing the individual health
8 insurance coverage and at the same or, at the option of the
9 resident, higher deductible level. The reinstatement rights
10 provided under this subsection (a) are not available to a
11 resident or dependents if the activated person is discharged
12 from the military under other than honorable conditions,
13 unless the activated person is a discharged LGBTQ veteran or a
14 veteran with a qualifying condition as defined in subsection
15 (a) of Section 39 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act
16 and receives an other than honorable or general (under
17 honorable conditions) discharge from the military.

18 (b) The health insurer with which the reinstatement is
19 being requested must receive a request for reinstatement no
20 later than 63 days following the later of (i) deactivation or
21 (ii) loss of coverage under the federal government-sponsored
22 health insurance program. The health insurer may request proof
23 of loss of coverage and the timing of the loss of coverage of
24 the government-sponsored coverage in order to determine
25 eligibility for reinstatement into the individual coverage.
26 The effective date of the reinstatement of individual health

1 coverage shall be the first of the month following receipt of
2 the notice requesting reinstatement.

3 (c) All insurers must provide written notice to the
4 policyholder of individual health coverage of the rights
5 described in subsection (a) of this Section. In lieu of the
6 inclusion of the notice in the individual health insurance
7 policy, an insurance company may satisfy the notification
8 requirement by providing a single written notice:

9 (1) in conjunction with the enrollment process for a
10 policyholder initially enrolling in the individual
11 coverage on or after the effective date of this amendatory
12 Act of the 94th General Assembly; or

13 (2) by mailing written notice to policyholders whose
14 coverage was effective prior to the effective date of this
15 amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly no later than
16 90 days following the effective date of this amendatory
17 Act of the 94th General Assembly.

18 (d) The provisions of subsection (a) of this Section do
19 not apply to any policy or certificate providing coverage for
20 any specified disease, specified accident or accident-only
21 coverage, credit, dental, disability income, hospital
22 indemnity, long-term care, Medicare supplement, vision care,
23 or short-term nonrenewable health policy or other
24 limited-benefit supplemental insurance, or any coverage issued
25 as a supplement to any liability insurance, workers'
26 compensation or similar insurance, or any insurance under

1 which benefits are payable with or without regard to fault,
2 whether written on a group, blanket, or individual basis.

3 (e) Nothing in this Section shall require an insurer to
4 reinstate the resident if the insurer requires residency in an
5 enrollment area and those residency requirements are not met
6 after deactivation or loss of coverage under the
7 government-sponsored health insurance program.

8 (f) All terms, conditions, and limitations of the
9 individual coverage into which reinstatement is made apply
10 equally to all insureds enrolled in the coverage.

11 (g) The Secretary may adopt rules as may be necessary to
12 carry out the provisions of this Section.

13 (Source: P.A. 94-1037, eff. 7-20-06.)

14 Section 165. The Children's Health Insurance Program Act
15 is amended by changing Section 20 as follows:

16 (215 ILCS 106/20)

17 Sec. 20. Eligibility.

18 (a) To be eligible for this Program, a person must be a
19 person who has a child eligible under this Act and who is
20 eligible under a waiver of federal requirements pursuant to an
21 application made pursuant to subdivision (a)(1) of Section 40
22 of this Act or who is a child who:

23 (1) is a child who is not eligible for medical
24 assistance;

1 (2) is a child whose annual household income, as
2 determined by the Department, is above 133% of the federal
3 poverty level and at or below 200% of the federal poverty
4 level;

5 (3) is a resident of the State of Illinois; and

6 (4) is a child who is either a United States citizen or
7 included in one of the following categories of
8 non-citizens:

9 (A) unmarried dependent children of (i) either a
10 United States Veteran honorably discharged, (ii) a
11 discharged LGBTQ veteran or veteran with a qualifying
12 condition who received an other than honorable or
13 general (under honorable conditions) discharge from
14 military or naval service as described in Section 39
15 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act, or (iii)
16 or a person on active military duty;

17 (B) refugees under Section 207 of the Immigration
18 and Nationality Act;

19 (C) asylees under Section 208 of the Immigration
20 and Nationality Act;

21 (D) persons for whom deportation has been withheld
22 under Section 243(h) of the Immigration and
23 Nationality Act;

24 (E) persons granted conditional entry under
25 Section 203(a)(7) of the Immigration and Nationality
26 Act as in effect prior to April 1, 1980;

1 (F) persons lawfully admitted for permanent
2 residence under the Immigration and Nationality Act;
3 and

4 (G) parolees, for at least one year, under Section
5 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

6 Those children who are in the categories set forth in
7 subdivisions (4)(F) and (4)(G) of this subsection, who enter
8 the United States on or after August 22, 1996, shall not be
9 eligible for 5 years beginning on the date the child entered
10 the United States.

11 (b) A child who is determined to be eligible for
12 assistance may remain eligible for 12 months, provided the
13 child maintains his or her residence in the State, has not yet
14 attained 19 years of age, and is not excluded pursuant to
15 subsection (c). A child who has been determined to be eligible
16 for assistance must reapply or otherwise establish eligibility
17 at least annually. An eligible child shall be required, as
18 determined by the Department by rule, to report promptly those
19 changes in income and other circumstances that affect
20 eligibility. The eligibility of a child may be redetermined
21 based on the information reported or may be terminated based
22 on the failure to report or failure to report accurately. A
23 child's responsible relative or caretaker may also be held
24 liable to the Department for any payments made by the
25 Department on such child's behalf that were inappropriate. An
26 applicant shall be provided with notice of these obligations.

1 (c) A child shall not be eligible for coverage under this
2 Program if:

3 (1) the premium required pursuant to Section 30 of
4 this Act has not been paid. If the required premiums are
5 not paid the liability of the Program shall be limited to
6 benefits incurred under the Program for the time period
7 for which premiums had been paid. Re-enrollment shall be
8 completed prior to the next covered medical visit and the
9 first month's required premium shall be paid in advance of
10 the next covered medical visit. The Department shall
11 promulgate rules regarding grace periods, notice
12 requirements, and hearing procedures pursuant to this
13 subsection;

14 (2) the child is an inmate of a public institution or a
15 patient in an institution for mental diseases; or

16 (3) the child is a member of a family that is eligible
17 for health benefits covered under the State of Illinois
18 health benefits plan on the basis of a member's employment
19 with a public agency.

20 (Source: P.A. 96-1272, eff. 1-1-11.)

21 Section 170. The Collection Agency Act is amended by
22 changing Section 30 as follows:

23 (225 ILCS 425/30)

24 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

1 Sec. 30. Expiration, renewal, and restoration of license.
2 The expiration date and renewal period for each license shall
3 be set by rule. A collection agency whose license has expired
4 may restore its license at any time within 5 years after the
5 expiration thereof, by making a renewal application and by
6 paying the required fee.

7 However, any licensed collection agency whose license has
8 expired while the individual licensed or while a shareholder,
9 partner, or member owning 50% or more of the interest in the
10 collection agency whose license has expired while he or she
11 was (i) on active duty with the Armed Forces of the United
12 States or called into service or training by the State
13 militia; or (ii) in training or education under the
14 supervision of the United States preliminary to induction into
15 the military service, may have his or her license renewed or
16 restored without paying any lapsed renewal fee or restoration
17 fee if, within 2 years after termination of the service,
18 training, or education, he or she furnishes the Department
19 with satisfactory evidence of service, training, or education
20 and it has been terminated under honorable conditions.
21 Notwithstanding the previous sentence, an individual may have
22 his or her license renewed or restored without paying any
23 lapsed renewal fee or restoration fee if, within 2 years after
24 the termination of military service, the individual furnishes
25 to the Department satisfactory evidence that he or she
26 received an other than honorable or general (under honorable

1 conditions) discharge from military service on account of the
2 individual being a discharged LGBTQ veteran or a veteran with
3 a qualifying condition as defined in subsection (a) of Section
4 39 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act.

5 Any collection agency whose license has expired for more
6 than 5 years may have it restored by applying to the
7 Department, paying the required fee, and filing acceptable
8 proof of fitness to have the license restored as set by rule.

9 (Source: P.A. 99-227, eff. 8-3-15; 100-132, eff. 8-18-17.)

10 Section 175. The Real Estate License Act of 2000 is
11 amended by changing Section 5-50 as follows:

12 (225 ILCS 454/5-50)

13 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

14 Sec. 5-50. Expiration and renewal of managing broker,
15 broker, or residential leasing agent license; sponsoring
16 broker; register of licensees.

17 (a) The expiration date and renewal period for each
18 license issued under this Act shall be set by rule. Except as
19 otherwise provided in this Section, the holder of a license
20 may renew the license within 90 days preceding the expiration
21 date thereof by completing the continuing education required
22 by this Act and paying the fees specified by rule.

23 (b) An individual whose first license is that of a broker
24 received on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act

1 of the 101st General Assembly, must provide evidence of having
2 completed 45 hours of post-license education presented in a
3 classroom or a live, interactive webinar, or online distance
4 education course, and which shall require passage of a final
5 examination.

6 The Board may recommend, and the Department shall approve,
7 45 hours of post-license education, consisting of three
8 15-hour post-license courses, one each that covers applied
9 brokerage principles, risk management/discipline, and
10 transactional issues. Each of the courses shall require its
11 own 50-question final examination, which shall be administered
12 by the education provider that delivers the course.

13 Individuals whose first license is that of a broker
14 received on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act
15 of the 101st General Assembly, must complete all three 15-hour
16 courses and successfully pass a course final examination for
17 each course prior to the date of the next broker renewal
18 deadline, except for those individuals who receive their first
19 license within the 180 days preceding the next broker renewal
20 deadline, who must complete all three 15-hour courses and
21 successfully pass a course final examination for each course
22 prior to the second broker renewal deadline that follows the
23 receipt of their license.

24 (c) Any managing broker, broker, or residential leasing
25 agent whose license under this Act has expired shall be
26 eligible to renew the license during the 2-year period

1 following the expiration date, provided the managing broker,
2 broker, or residential leasing agent pays the fees as
3 prescribed by rule and completes continuing education and
4 other requirements provided for by the Act or by rule. A
5 managing broker, broker, or residential leasing agent whose
6 license has been expired for more than 2 years but less than 5
7 years may have it restored by (i) applying to the Department,
8 (ii) paying the required fee, (iii) completing the continuing
9 education requirements for the most recent pre-renewal period
10 that ended prior to the date of the application for
11 reinstatement, and (iv) filing acceptable proof of fitness to
12 have his or her license restored, as set by rule. A managing
13 broker, broker, or residential leasing agent whose license has
14 been expired for more than 5 years shall be required to meet
15 the requirements for a new license.

16 (d) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act to
17 the contrary, any managing broker, broker, or residential
18 leasing agent whose license expired while he or she was (i) on
19 active duty with the Armed Forces of the United States or
20 called into service or training by the state militia, (ii)
21 engaged in training or education under the supervision of the
22 United States preliminary to induction into military service,
23 or (iii) serving as the Coordinator of Real Estate in the State
24 of Illinois or as an employee of the Department may have his or
25 her license renewed, reinstated or restored without paying any
26 lapsed renewal fees if within 2 years after the termination of

1 the service, training or education by furnishing the
2 Department with satisfactory evidence of service, training, or
3 education and it has been terminated under honorable
4 conditions. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, a managing
5 broker, broker, or residential leasing agent whose license
6 expired while he or she was on active duty with the Armed
7 Forces of the United States or called into service or training
8 by the State militia may have his or her license renewed,
9 reinstated, or restored without paying any lapsed renewal fees
10 if within 2 years after the termination of military service
11 the individual furnishes to the Department satisfactory
12 evidence that he or she received an other than honorable or
13 general (under honorable conditions) discharge on account of
14 the individual being a discharged LGBTQ veteran or a veteran
15 with a qualifying condition as defined in subsection (a) of
16 Section 39 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act.

17 (e) Each licensee shall carry on his or her person his or
18 her license or an electronic version thereof.

19 (f) The Department shall provide to the sponsoring broker
20 a notice of renewal for all sponsored licensees by mailing the
21 notice to the sponsoring broker's address of record, or, at
22 the Department's discretion, emailing the notice to the
23 sponsoring broker's email address of record.

24 (g) Upon request from the sponsoring broker, the
25 Department shall make available to the sponsoring broker, by
26 electronic means at the discretion of the Department, a

1 listing of licensees under this Act who, according to the
2 records of the Department, are sponsored by that broker. Every
3 licensee associated with or employed by a broker whose license
4 is revoked, suspended, or expired shall be considered inactive
5 until such time as the sponsoring broker's license is
6 reinstated or renewed, or the licensee changes employment as
7 set forth in subsection (c) of Section 5-40 of this Act.

8 (Source: P.A. 100-188, eff. 1-1-18; 101-357, eff. 8-9-19.)

9 Section 180. The Professional Geologist Licensing Act is
10 amended by changing Section 65 as follows:

11 (225 ILCS 745/65)

12 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

13 Sec. 65. Expiration and renewal of license. The expiration
14 date and renewal period for each license shall be set by rule.
15 A Licensed Professional Geologist whose license has expired
16 may reinstate his or her license or enrollment at any time
17 within 5 years after the expiration thereof, by making a
18 renewal application and by paying the required fee. However,
19 any Licensed Professional Geologist whose license expired
20 while he or she was (i) on active duty with the Armed Forces of
21 the United States or called into service or training by the
22 State militia or (ii) in training or education under the
23 supervision of the United States preliminary to induction into
24 the military service, may have his or her Licensed

1 Professional Geologist license renewed, reinstated, or
2 restored without paying any lapsed renewal fees if within 2
3 years after termination of the service, training, or education
4 the Licensed Professional Geologist furnishes to the
5 Department satisfactory evidence of the service, training, or
6 education and that it has been terminated under honorable
7 conditions. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, a Licensed
8 Professional Geologist may have his or her license renewed,
9 reinstated, or restored without paying any lapsed renewal fees
10 if within 2 years after the termination of military service
11 the individual furnishes to the Department satisfactory
12 evidence that he or she received an other than honorable or
13 general (under honorable conditions) discharge on account of
14 the individual being a discharged LGBTQ veteran or a veteran
15 with a qualifying condition as defined in subsection (a) of
16 Section 39 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act.

17 Any Licensed Professional Geologist whose license has
18 expired for more than 5 years may have it restored by making
19 application to the Department, paying the required fee, and
20 filing acceptable proof of fitness to have the license
21 restored. The proof may include sworn evidence certifying
22 active practice in another jurisdiction. If the geologist has
23 not practiced for 5 years or more, the Board shall determine by
24 an evaluation program established by rule, whether that
25 individual is fit to resume active status as a Licensed
26 Professional Geologist. The Board may require the geologist to

1 complete a period of evaluated professional experience and may
2 require successful completion of an examination.

3 The Department may refuse to issue or may suspend the
4 license of any person who fails to file a tax return, or to pay
5 the tax, penalty, or interest shown in a filed return, or to
6 pay any final assessment of tax, penalty, or interest, as
7 required by any tax Act administered by the Illinois
8 Department of Revenue, until such time as the requirements of
9 any such tax Act are satisfied.

10 (Source: P.A. 99-26, eff. 7-10-15.)

11 Section 185. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
12 changing Section 1-11 as follows:

13 (305 ILCS 5/1-11)

14 Sec. 1-11. Citizenship. To the extent not otherwise
15 provided in this Code or federal law, all clients who receive
16 cash or medical assistance under Article III, IV, V, or VI of
17 this Code must meet the citizenship requirements as
18 established in this Section. To be eligible for assistance an
19 individual, who is otherwise eligible, must be either a United
20 States citizen or included in one of the following categories
21 of non-citizens:

22 (1) United States veterans honorably discharged,
23 discharged LGBTQ veterans or veterans with a qualifying
24 condition as defined in Section 39 of the Department of

1 Veterans' Affairs Act who received an other than honorable
2 or general (under honorable conditions) discharge from
3 military or naval service, and persons on active military
4 duty, and the spouse and unmarried dependent children of
5 these persons;

6 (2) Refugees under Section 207 of the Immigration and
7 Nationality Act;

8 (3) Asylees under Section 208 of the Immigration and
9 Nationality Act;

10 (4) Persons for whom deportation has been withheld
11 under Section 243(h) of the Immigration and Nationality
12 Act;

13 (5) Persons granted conditional entry under Section
14 203(a)(7) of the Immigration and Nationality Act as in
15 effect prior to April 1, 1980;

16 (6) Persons lawfully admitted for permanent residence
17 under the Immigration and Nationality Act;

18 (7) Parolees, for at least one year, under Section
19 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act;

20 (8) Nationals of Cuba or Haiti admitted on or after
21 April 21, 1980;

22 (9) Amerasians from Vietnam, and their close family
23 members, admitted through the Orderly Departure Program
24 beginning on March 20, 1988;

25 (10) Persons identified by the federal Office of
26 Refugee Resettlement (ORR) as victims of trafficking;

1 (11) Persons legally residing in the United States who
2 were members of a Hmong or Highland Laotian tribe when the
3 tribe helped United States personnel by taking part in a
4 military or rescue operation during the Vietnam era
5 (between August 5, 1965 and May 7, 1975); this also
6 includes the person's spouse, a widow or widower who has
7 not remarried, and unmarried dependent children;

8 (12) American Indians born in Canada under Section 289
9 of the Immigration and Nationality Act and members of an
10 Indian tribe as defined in Section 4e of the Indian
11 Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act;

12 (13) Persons who are a spouse, widow, or child of a
13 U.S. citizen or a spouse or child of a legal permanent
14 resident (LPR) who have been battered or subjected to
15 extreme cruelty by the U.S. citizen or LPR or a member of
16 that relative's family who lived with them, who no longer
17 live with the abuser or plan to live separately within one
18 month of receipt of assistance and whose need for
19 assistance is due, at least in part, to the abuse; and

20 (14) Persons who are foreign-born victims of
21 trafficking, torture, or other serious crimes as defined
22 in Section 2-19 of this Code.

23 Those persons who are in the categories set forth in
24 subdivisions 6 and 7 of this Section, who enter the United
25 States on or after August 22, 1996, shall not be eligible for 5
26 years beginning on the date the person entered the United

1 States.

2 The Illinois Department may, by rule, cover prenatal care
3 or emergency medical care for non-citizens who are not
4 otherwise eligible under this Section. Local governmental
5 units which do not receive State funds may impose their own
6 citizenship requirements and are authorized to provide any
7 benefits and impose any citizenship requirements as are
8 allowed under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity
9 Reconciliation Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-193).

10 (Source: P.A. 99-870, eff. 8-22-16.)

11 Section 190. The Veterans' Employment Representative Act
12 is amended by changing Section 1 as follows:

13 (330 ILCS 50/1) (from Ch. 48, par. 186a)

14 Sec. 1. Veteran services; representative. The Department
15 of Employment Security shall assign at least one full time
16 Veterans' Employment Representative, defined by title and
17 classification under the Personnel Code of Illinois, to each
18 full service office of the employment service, to work
19 exclusively in job counseling, training, and placement of
20 veterans. Preference for these positions shall be given to
21 qualified persons who have been members of the armed forces of
22 the United States in times of hostilities with a foreign
23 country. Any candidate for these positions shall be deemed to
24 have met and satisfied examination admission requirements if

1 the candidate served in the armed forces during times of
2 hostilities with a foreign country and was honorably
3 discharged therefrom due to a combat-related disability or if
4 the candidate served in the armed forces during times of
5 hostilities with a foreign country and received an other than
6 honorable or general (under honorable conditions) discharge
7 because the candidate is a veteran with a qualifying condition
8 or a discharged LGBTQ veteran as described in subsection (a)
9 of Section 39 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act. The
10 holder of such a position shall be administratively
11 responsible to the local office manager, and his or her first
12 line responsibility is functional supervision of all local
13 office services to veterans. He or she may also be delegated
14 line supervision of veteran units, assistant local veterans'
15 employment representative, or veteran aid. Individualized
16 veterans' services such as application taking, counseling, job
17 referral, or training will continue to be provided to veterans
18 on a priority basis by all local office staff.

19 (Source: P.A. 98-107, eff. 7-23-13.)

20 Section 195. The Veterans Preference Act is amended by
21 changing Section 1 as follows:

22 (330 ILCS 55/1) (from Ch. 126 1/2, par. 23)

23 Sec. 1. Veterans preference.

24 (a) In the employment and appointment to fill positions in

1 the construction, addition to, or alteration of all public
2 works undertaken or contracted for by the State, or by any
3 political subdivision thereof, preference shall be given to
4 persons who have been members of the armed forces of the United
5 States or who, while citizens of the United States, were
6 members of the armed forces of allies of the United States in
7 time of hostilities with a foreign country, and have served
8 under one or more of the following conditions:

9 (1) The veteran served a total of at least 6 months, or

10 (2) The veteran served for the duration of hostilities
11 regardless of the length of engagement, or

12 (3) The veteran served in the theater of operations
13 but was discharged on the basis of a hardship, or

14 (4) The veteran was released from active duty because
15 of a service connected disability and was honorably
16 discharged, or -

17 (5) The veteran was released from active duty because
18 of a qualifying condition as described in subsection (a)
19 of Section 39 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act
20 and received an other than honorable or general (under
21 honorable conditions) discharge, or

22 (6) The veteran was released from active duty because
23 of his or her sexual orientation or gender identity or
24 because of some other act described in the definition of
25 "discharged LGBTQ veteran" under Section 39 of the
26 Department of Veterans' Affairs Act and received an other

1 than honorable or general (under honorable conditions)
2 discharge.

3 But such preference shall be given only to those persons who
4 are found to possess the business capacity necessary for the
5 proper discharge of the duties of such employment. No
6 political subdivision or person contracting for such public
7 works is required to give preference to veterans, not
8 residents of such district, over residents thereof, who are
9 not veterans.

10 For the purposes of this Section, a person who has been a
11 member of the Illinois National Guard shall be given priority
12 over a person who has been a member of the National Guard of
13 any other state.

14 (b) As used in this Section:

15 "Time of hostilities with a foreign country" means any
16 period of time in the past, present, or future during which a
17 declaration of war by the United States Congress has been or is
18 in effect or during which an emergency condition has been or is
19 in effect that is recognized by the issuance of a Presidential
20 proclamation or a Presidential executive order and in which
21 the armed forces expeditionary medal or other campaign service
22 medals are awarded according to Presidential executive order.

23 "Armed forces of the United States" means the United
24 States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard,
25 United States Reserve Forces, or the National Guard of any
26 state. Service in the Merchant Marine that constitutes active

1 duty under Section 401 of federal Public Law 95-202 shall also
2 be considered service in the Armed Forces of the United States
3 for purposes of this Section.

4 (Source: P.A. 100-826, eff. 1-1-19.)

5 Section 205. The National Guard Veterans Exposure to
6 Hazardous Materials Act is amended by changing Section 5 as
7 follows:

8 (330 ILCS 130/5)

9 Sec. 5. Definitions. In this Act:

10 "Depleted uranium" means uranium containing less
11 uranium-235 than the naturally occurring distribution of
12 uranium isotopes.

13 "Eligible member" means a member of the Illinois National
14 Guard who served in the Persian Gulf War, as defined in 38
15 U.S.C. 101, or in an area designated as a combat zone by the
16 President of the United States during Operation Enduring
17 Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

18 "Military physician" includes a physician who is under
19 contract with the United States Department of Defense to
20 provide physician services to members of the armed forces.

21 "Veteran" means any person honorably discharged from, or
22 released under honorable conditions from active service in,
23 the armed forces who served as an eligible member. "Veteran"
24 includes any person who is a discharged LGBTQ veteran or a

1 veteran with a qualifying condition, as defined in subsection
2 (a) of Section 39 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act,
3 who has received an other than honorable or general (under
4 honorable conditions) discharge from military or naval
5 service.

6 (Source: P.A. 95-597, eff. 9-11-07.)

7 Section 210. The Veterans' and Military Discount Program
8 Act is amended by changing Section 5 as follows:

9 (330 ILCS 140/5)

10 Sec. 5. Legislative findings. The General Assembly finds
11 that though there is no way to adequately repay our nation's
12 military personnel for their service and sacrifice, we can
13 demonstrate our gratitude by forging a collaborative effort
14 between businesses and government that will connect veterans
15 and active duty service members with merchants who choose to
16 honor their military service through special discounts and
17 promotions.

18 The Veterans' and Military Discount Program, created under
19 this Act, will enable veterans (those honorably discharged,
20 those who received an other than honorable or general (under
21 honorable conditions) discharge because they have a qualifying
22 condition as defined in Section 39 of the Department of
23 Veterans' Affairs Act, those who received an other than
24 honorable or general (under honorable conditions) discharge

1 because of their sexual orientation or gender identity or
2 because of some other act described in the definition of
3 "discharged LGBTQ veteran" under Section 39 of the Department
4 of Veterans' Affairs Act, and other veterans generally
5 discharged for reasons other than discipline, misconduct,
6 resignation in lieu of misconduct charges, unfitness for duty,
7 voluntary resignation, or court martial), military personnel
8 currently serving our country, and those spouses and
9 dependents of veterans and military personnel who have been
10 issued a valid Military ID card or Military Dependent ID card
11 to receive a discount on goods and services from participating
12 merchants, or another appropriate money-saving promotion of a
13 merchant's choice.

14 The Veterans' and Military Discount Program will be
15 mutually beneficial, helping active duty service members and
16 veterans in the State save money with discounts on goods and
17 services, and helping business owners to enjoy increased
18 traffic and sales in their stores.

19 (Source: P.A. 101-335, eff. 8-9-19.)

20 Section 215. The Firearm Concealed Carry Act is amended by
21 changing Section 75 as follows:

22 (430 ILCS 66/75)

23 Sec. 75. Applicant firearm training.

24 (a) Within 60 days of the effective date of this Act, the

1 Department shall begin approval of firearm training courses
2 and shall make a list of approved courses available on the
3 Department's website.

4 (b) An applicant for a new license shall provide proof of
5 completion of a firearms training course or combination of
6 courses approved by the Department of at least 16 hours, which
7 includes range qualification time under subsection (c) of this
8 Section, that covers the following:

9 (1) firearm safety;

10 (2) the basic principles of marksmanship;

11 (3) care, cleaning, loading, and unloading of a
12 concealable firearm;

13 (4) all applicable State and federal laws relating to
14 the ownership, storage, carry, and transportation of a
15 firearm; and

16 (5) instruction on the appropriate and lawful
17 interaction with law enforcement while transporting or
18 carrying a concealed firearm.

19 (c) An applicant for a new license shall provide proof of
20 certification by a certified instructor that the applicant
21 passed a live fire exercise with a concealable firearm
22 consisting of:

23 (1) a minimum of 30 rounds; and

24 (2) 10 rounds from a distance of 5 yards; 10 rounds
25 from a distance of 7 yards; and 10 rounds from a distance
26 of 10 yards at a B-27 silhouette target approved by the

1 Department.

2 (d) An applicant for renewal of a license shall provide
3 proof of completion of a firearms training course or
4 combination of courses approved by the Department of at least
5 3 hours.

6 (e) A certificate of completion for an applicant's firearm
7 training course shall not be issued to a student who:

8 (1) does not follow the orders of the certified
9 firearms instructor;

10 (2) in the judgment of the certified instructor,
11 handles a firearm in a manner that poses a danger to the
12 student or to others; or

13 (3) during the range firing portion of testing fails
14 to hit the target with 70% of the rounds fired.

15 (f) An instructor shall maintain a record of each
16 student's performance for at least 5 years, and shall make all
17 records available upon demand of authorized personnel of the
18 Department.

19 (g) The Department and certified firearms instructors
20 shall recognize up to 8 hours of training already completed
21 toward the 16 hour training requirement under this Section if
22 the training course is submitted to and approved by the
23 Department. Any remaining hours that the applicant completes
24 must at least cover the classroom subject matter of paragraph
25 (4) of subsection (b) of this Section, and the range
26 qualification in subsection (c) of this Section.

1 (h) A person who has qualified to carry a firearm as an
2 active law enforcement or corrections officer, who has
3 successfully completed firearms training as required by his or
4 her law enforcement agency and is authorized by his or her
5 agency to carry a firearm; a person currently certified as a
6 firearms instructor by this Act or by the Illinois Law
7 Enforcement Training Standards Board; or a person who has
8 completed the required training and has been issued a firearm
9 control card by the Department of Financial and Professional
10 Regulation shall be exempt from the requirements of this
11 Section.

12 (i) The Department and certified firearms instructors
13 shall recognize 8 hours of training as completed toward the 16
14 hour training requirement under this Section, if the applicant
15 is an active, retired, or honorably discharged member of the
16 United States Armed Forces. As used in this subsection,
17 "honorably discharged member of the United States Armed
18 Forces" includes a discharged LGBTQ veteran and a veteran with
19 a qualifying condition, as defined in subsection (a) of
20 Section 39 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act, who
21 received an other than honorable or general (under honorable
22 conditions) discharge from military or naval service. Any
23 remaining hours that the applicant completes must at least
24 cover the classroom subject matter of paragraph (4) of
25 subsection (b) of this Section, and the range qualification in
26 subsection (c) of this Section.

1 (j) The Department and certified firearms instructors
2 shall recognize up to 8 hours of training already completed
3 toward the 16 hour training requirement under this Section if
4 the training course is approved by the Department and was
5 completed in connection with the applicant's previous
6 employment as a law enforcement or corrections officer. Any
7 remaining hours that the applicant completes must at least
8 cover the classroom subject matter of paragraph (4) of
9 subsection (b) of this Section, and the range qualification in
10 subsection (c) of this Section. A former law enforcement or
11 corrections officer seeking credit under this subsection (j)
12 shall provide evidence that he or she separated from
13 employment in good standing from each law enforcement agency
14 where he or she was employed. An applicant who was discharged
15 from a law enforcement agency for misconduct or disciplinary
16 reasons is not eligible for credit under this subsection (j).
17 (Source: P.A. 98-63, eff. 7-9-13; 98-600, eff. 12-6-13.)

18 Section 220. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
19 changing Sections 6-106 and 6-110 as follows:

20 (625 ILCS 5/6-106) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-106)

21 Sec. 6-106. Application for license or instruction permit.

22 (a) Every application for any permit or license authorized
23 to be issued under this Code shall be made upon a form
24 furnished by the Secretary of State. Every application shall

1 be accompanied by the proper fee and payment of such fee shall
2 entitle the applicant to not more than 3 attempts to pass the
3 examination within a period of one year after the date of
4 application.

5 (b) Every application shall state the legal name, social
6 security number, zip code, date of birth, sex, and residence
7 address of the applicant; briefly describe the applicant;
8 state whether the applicant has theretofore been licensed as a
9 driver, and, if so, when and by what state or country, and
10 whether any such license has ever been cancelled, suspended,
11 revoked or refused, and, if so, the date and reason for such
12 cancellation, suspension, revocation or refusal; shall include
13 an affirmation by the applicant that all information set forth
14 is true and correct; and shall bear the applicant's signature.
15 In addition to the residence address, the Secretary may allow
16 the applicant to provide a mailing address. In the case of an
17 applicant who is a judicial officer or peace officer, the
18 Secretary may allow the applicant to provide an office or work
19 address in lieu of a residence or mailing address. The
20 application form may also require the statement of such
21 additional relevant information as the Secretary of State
22 shall deem necessary to determine the applicant's competency
23 and eligibility. The Secretary of State may, in his
24 discretion, by rule or regulation, provide that an application
25 for a drivers license or permit may include a suitable
26 photograph of the applicant in the form prescribed by the

1 Secretary, and he may further provide that each drivers
2 license shall include a photograph of the driver. The
3 Secretary of State may utilize a photograph process or system
4 most suitable to deter alteration or improper reproduction of
5 a drivers license and to prevent substitution of another photo
6 thereon. For the purposes of this subsection (b), "peace
7 officer" means any person who by virtue of his or her office or
8 public employment is vested by law with a duty to maintain
9 public order or to make arrests for a violation of any penal
10 statute of this State, whether that duty extends to all
11 violations or is limited to specific violations.

12 (b-3) Upon the first issuance of a request for proposals
13 for a digital driver's license and identification card
14 issuance and facial recognition system issued after January 1,
15 2020 (the effective date of Public Act 101-513) ~~this~~
16 ~~amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly~~, and upon
17 implementation of a new or revised system procured pursuant to
18 that request for proposals, the Secretary shall permit
19 applicants to choose between "male", "female" or "non-binary"
20 when designating the applicant's sex on the driver's license
21 application form. The sex designated by the applicant shall be
22 displayed on the driver's license issued to the applicant.

23 (b-5) Every applicant for a REAL ID compliant driver's
24 license or permit shall provide proof of lawful status in the
25 United States as defined in 6 CFR 37.3, as amended. Applicants
26 who are unable to provide the Secretary with proof of lawful

1 status may apply for a driver's license or permit under
2 Section 6-105.1 of this Code.

3 (c) The application form shall include a notice to the
4 applicant of the registration obligations of sex offenders
5 under the Sex Offender Registration Act. The notice shall be
6 provided in a form and manner prescribed by the Secretary of
7 State. For purposes of this subsection (c), "sex offender" has
8 the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2 of the Sex Offender
9 Registration Act.

10 (d) Any male United States citizen or immigrant who
11 applies for any permit or license authorized to be issued
12 under this Code or for a renewal of any permit or license, and
13 who is at least 18 years of age but less than 26 years of age,
14 must be registered in compliance with the requirements of the
15 federal Military Selective Service Act. The Secretary of State
16 must forward in an electronic format the necessary personal
17 information regarding the applicants identified in this
18 subsection (d) to the Selective Service System. The
19 applicant's signature on the application serves as an
20 indication that the applicant either has already registered
21 with the Selective Service System or that he is authorizing
22 the Secretary to forward to the Selective Service System the
23 necessary information for registration. The Secretary must
24 notify the applicant at the time of application that his
25 signature constitutes consent to registration with the
26 Selective Service System, if he is not already registered.

1 (e) Beginning on or before July 1, 2015, for each original
2 or renewal driver's license application under this Code, the
3 Secretary shall inquire as to whether the applicant is a
4 veteran for purposes of issuing a driver's license with a
5 veteran designation under subsection (e-5) of Section 6-110 of
6 this Code. The acceptable forms of proof shall include, but
7 are not limited to, Department of Defense form DD-214,
8 Department of Defense form DD-256 for applicants who did not
9 receive a form DD-214 upon the completion of initial basic
10 training, Department of Defense form DD-2 (Retired), an
11 identification card issued under the federal Veterans
12 Identification Card Act of 2015, or a United States Department
13 of Veterans Affairs summary of benefits letter. If the
14 document cannot be stamped, the Illinois Department of
15 Veterans' Affairs shall provide a certificate to the veteran
16 to provide to the Secretary of State. The Illinois Department
17 of Veterans' Affairs shall advise the Secretary as to what
18 other forms of proof of a person's status as a veteran are
19 acceptable.

20 For each applicant who is issued a driver's license with a
21 veteran designation, the Secretary shall provide the
22 Department of Veterans' Affairs with the applicant's name,
23 address, date of birth, gender and such other demographic
24 information as agreed to by the Secretary and the Department.
25 The Department may take steps necessary to confirm the
26 applicant is a veteran. If after due diligence, including

1 writing to the applicant at the address provided by the
2 Secretary, the Department is unable to verify the applicant's
3 veteran status, the Department shall inform the Secretary, who
4 shall notify the applicant that ~~the~~ he or she must confirm
5 status as a veteran, or the driver's license will be
6 cancelled.

7 For purposes of this subsection (e):

8 "Armed forces" means any of the Armed Forces of the United
9 States, including a member of any reserve component or
10 National Guard unit.

11 "Veteran" means a person who has served in the armed
12 forces and was discharged or separated under honorable
13 conditions. "Veteran" also includes any person who is a
14 discharged LGBTQ veteran or a veteran with a qualifying
15 condition, as defined in subsection (a) of Section 39 of the
16 Department of Veterans' Affairs Act, who has received an other
17 than honorable or general (under honorable conditions)
18 discharge from military or naval service.

19 (Source: P.A. 100-201, eff. 8-18-17; 100-248, eff. 8-22-17;
20 100-811, eff. 1-1-19; 101-106, eff. 1-1-20; 101-287, eff.
21 8-9-19; 101-513, eff. 1-1-20; revised 8-24-20.)

22 (625 ILCS 5/6-110) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-110)

23 Sec. 6-110. Licenses issued to drivers.

24 (a) The Secretary of State shall issue to every qualifying
25 applicant a driver's license as applied for, which license

1 shall bear a distinguishing number assigned to the licensee,
2 the legal name, signature, zip code, date of birth, residence
3 address, and a brief description of the licensee.

4 Licenses issued shall also indicate the classification and
5 the restrictions under Section 6-104 of this Code. The
6 Secretary may adopt rules to establish informational
7 restrictions that can be placed on the driver's license
8 regarding specific conditions of the licensee.

9 A driver's license issued may, in the discretion of the
10 Secretary, include a suitable photograph of a type prescribed
11 by the Secretary.

12 (a-1) If the licensee is less than 18 years of age, unless
13 one of the exceptions in subsection (a-2) apply, the license
14 shall, as a matter of law, be invalid for the operation of any
15 motor vehicle during the following times:

16 (A) Between 11:00 p.m. Friday and 6:00 a.m. Saturday;

17 (B) Between 11:00 p.m. Saturday and 6:00 a.m. on
18 Sunday; and

19 (C) Between 10:00 p.m. on Sunday to Thursday,
20 inclusive, and 6:00 a.m. on the following day.

21 (a-2) The driver's license of a person under the age of 18
22 shall not be invalid as described in subsection (a-1) of this
23 Section if the licensee under the age of 18 was:

24 (1) accompanied by the licensee's parent or guardian
25 or other person in custody or control of the minor;

26 (2) on an errand at the direction of the minor's

1 parent or guardian, without any detour or stop;

2 (3) in a motor vehicle involved in interstate travel;

3 (4) going to or returning home from an employment
4 activity, without any detour or stop;

5 (5) involved in an emergency;

6 (6) going to or returning home from, without any
7 detour or stop, an official school, religious, or other
8 recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored
9 by a government or governmental agency, a civic
10 organization, or another similar entity that takes
11 responsibility for the licensee, without any detour or
12 stop;

13 (7) exercising First Amendment rights protected by the
14 United States Constitution, such as the free exercise of
15 religion, freedom of speech, and the right of assembly; or

16 (8) married or had been married or is an emancipated
17 minor under the Emancipation of Minors Act.

18 (a-2.5) The driver's license of a person who is 17 years of
19 age and has been licensed for at least 12 months is not invalid
20 as described in subsection (a-1) of this Section while the
21 licensee is participating as an assigned driver in a Safe
22 Rides program that meets the following criteria:

23 (1) the program is sponsored by the Boy Scouts of
24 America or another national public service organization;
25 and

26 (2) the sponsoring organization carries liability

1 insurance covering the program.

2 (a-3) If a graduated driver's license holder over the age
3 of 18 committed an offense against traffic regulations
4 governing the movement of vehicles or any violation of Section
5 6-107 or Section 12-603.1 of this Code in the 6 months prior to
6 the graduated driver's license holder's 18th birthday, and was
7 subsequently convicted of the offense, the provisions of
8 subsection (a-1) shall continue to apply until such time as a
9 period of 6 consecutive months has elapsed without an
10 additional violation and subsequent conviction of an offense
11 against traffic regulations governing the movement of vehicles
12 or Section 6-107 or Section 12-603.1 of this Code.

13 (a-4) If an applicant for a driver's license or
14 instruction permit has a current identification card issued by
15 the Secretary of State, the Secretary may require the
16 applicant to utilize the same residence address and name on
17 the identification card, driver's license, and instruction
18 permit records maintained by the Secretary. The Secretary may
19 promulgate rules to implement this provision.

20 (a-5) If an applicant for a driver's license is a judicial
21 officer or a peace officer, the applicant may elect to have his
22 or her office or work address listed on the license instead of
23 the applicant's residence or mailing address. The Secretary of
24 State shall adopt rules to implement this subsection (a-5).
25 For the purposes of this subsection (a-5), "peace officer"
26 means any person who by virtue of his or her office or public

1 employment is vested by law with a duty to maintain public
2 order or to make arrests for a violation of any penal statute
3 of this State, whether that duty extends to all violations or
4 is limited to specific violations.

5 (b) Until the Secretary of State establishes a First
6 Person Consent organ and tissue donor registry under Section
7 6-117 of this Code, the Secretary of State shall provide a
8 format on the reverse of each driver's license issued which
9 the licensee may use to execute a document of gift conforming
10 to the provisions of the Illinois Anatomical Gift Act. The
11 format shall allow the licensee to indicate the gift intended,
12 whether specific organs, any organ, or the entire body, and
13 shall accommodate the signatures of the donor and 2 witnesses.
14 The Secretary shall also inform each applicant or licensee of
15 this format, describe the procedure for its execution, and may
16 offer the necessary witnesses; provided that in so doing, the
17 Secretary shall advise the applicant or licensee that he or
18 she is under no compulsion to execute a document of gift. A
19 brochure explaining this method of executing an anatomical
20 gift document shall be given to each applicant or licensee.
21 The brochure shall advise the applicant or licensee that he or
22 she is under no compulsion to execute a document of gift, and
23 that he or she may wish to consult with family, friends or
24 clergy before doing so. The Secretary of State may undertake
25 additional efforts, including education and awareness
26 activities, to promote organ and tissue donation.

1 (c) The Secretary of State shall designate on each
2 driver's license issued a space where the licensee may place a
3 sticker or decal of the uniform size as the Secretary may
4 specify, which sticker or decal may indicate in appropriate
5 language that the owner of the license carries an Emergency
6 Medical Information Card.

7 The sticker may be provided by any person, hospital,
8 school, medical group, or association interested in assisting
9 in implementing the Emergency Medical Information Card, but
10 shall meet the specifications as the Secretary may by rule or
11 regulation require.

12 (d) The Secretary of State shall designate on each
13 driver's license issued a space where the licensee may
14 indicate his blood type and RH factor.

15 (e) The Secretary of State shall provide that each
16 original or renewal driver's license issued to a licensee
17 under 21 years of age shall be of a distinct nature from those
18 driver's licenses issued to individuals 21 years of age and
19 older. The color designated for driver's licenses for
20 licensees under 21 years of age shall be at the discretion of
21 the Secretary of State.

22 (e-1) The Secretary shall provide that each driver's
23 license issued to a person under the age of 21 displays the
24 date upon which the person becomes 18 years of age and the date
25 upon which the person becomes 21 years of age.

26 (e-3) The General Assembly recognizes the need to identify

1 military veterans living in this State for the purpose of
2 ensuring that they receive all of the services and benefits to
3 which they are legally entitled, including healthcare,
4 education assistance, and job placement. To assist the State
5 in identifying these veterans and delivering these vital
6 services and benefits, the Secretary of State is authorized to
7 issue drivers' licenses with the word "veteran" appearing on
8 the face of the licenses. This authorization is predicated on
9 the unique status of veterans. The Secretary may not issue any
10 other driver's license which identifies an occupation, status,
11 affiliation, hobby, or other unique characteristics of the
12 license holder which is unrelated to the purpose of the
13 driver's license.

14 (e-5) Beginning on or before July 1, 2015, the Secretary
15 of State shall designate a space on each original or renewal
16 driver's license where, at the request of the applicant, the
17 word "veteran" shall be placed. The veteran designation shall
18 be available to a person identified as a veteran under
19 subsection (e) of Section 6-106 of this Code who was
20 discharged or separated under honorable conditions or as
21 otherwise provided.

22 (f) The Secretary of State shall inform all Illinois
23 licensed commercial motor vehicle operators of the
24 requirements of the Uniform Commercial Driver License Act,
25 Article V of this Chapter, and shall make provisions to insure
26 that all drivers, seeking to obtain a commercial driver's

1 license, be afforded an opportunity prior to April 1, 1992, to
2 obtain the license. The Secretary is authorized to extend
3 driver's license expiration dates, and assign specific times,
4 dates and locations where these commercial driver's tests
5 shall be conducted. Any applicant, regardless of the current
6 expiration date of the applicant's driver's license, may be
7 subject to any assignment by the Secretary. Failure to comply
8 with the Secretary's assignment may result in the applicant's
9 forfeiture of an opportunity to receive a commercial driver's
10 license prior to April 1, 1992.

11 (g) The Secretary of State shall designate on a driver's
12 license issued, a space where the licensee may indicate that
13 he or she has drafted a living will in accordance with the
14 Illinois Living Will Act or a durable power of attorney for
15 health care in accordance with the Illinois Power of Attorney
16 Act.

17 (g-1) The Secretary of State, in his or her discretion,
18 may designate on each driver's license issued a space where
19 the licensee may place a sticker or decal, issued by the
20 Secretary of State, of uniform size as the Secretary may
21 specify, that shall indicate in appropriate language that the
22 owner of the license has renewed his or her driver's license.

23 (h) A person who acts in good faith in accordance with the
24 terms of this Section is not liable for damages in any civil
25 action or subject to prosecution in any criminal proceeding
26 for his or her act.

1 (Source: P.A. 97-263, eff. 8-5-11; 97-739, eff. 1-1-13;
2 97-847, eff. 1-1-13; 97-1127, eff. 1-1-13; 98-323, eff.
3 1-1-14; 98-463, eff. 8-16-13.)".