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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, NOVEMBER 14, 1979

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 5, 1941 (P.L.84, No.45), entitled "An
2 act providing for and regulating the appointment, promotion
3 and reduction in rank, suspension and removal of paid members
4 of the police force in boroughs, incorporated towns and
5 townships of the first class maintaining a police force of
6 not less than three members; creating a civil service
7 commission in each borough, incorporated town and township of
8 the first class; defining the duties of such civil service
9 commission; imposing certain duties and expense on boroughs,
10 incorporated towns and townships of the first class; imposing
11 penalties, and repealing inconsistent laws," granting
12 additional powers to the commission relating to the
13 scheduling of applicants' physical examinations.

14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 Section 1. Section 11, act of June 5, 1941 (P.L.84, No.45),
17 entitled "An act providing for and regulating the appointment,
18 promotion and reduction in rank, suspension and removal of paid
19 members of the police force in boroughs, incorporated towns and
20 townships of the first class maintaining a police force of not
21 less than three members; creating a civil service commission in
22 each borough, incorporated town and township of the first class;
23 defining the duties of such civil service commission; imposing

1 certain duties and expense on boroughs, incorporated towns and
2 townships of the first class; imposing penalties, and repealing
3 inconsistent laws," amended May 21, 1943 (P.L.338, No.158), is
4 amended to read:

5 Section 11. General Provisions Relating to Examinations.--

6 Each commission shall make rules and regulations, to be approved
7 as provided in section 6 hereof, providing for the examination
8 of applicants for positions in the police force and for
9 promotions therein, which rules and regulations shall prescribe
10 the minimum qualifications of all applicants to be examined and
11 the passing grades. All examinations for positions or promotions
12 in the police force of any municipality shall be practical in
13 character and shall relate to such matters and include such
14 inquiries as will fairly test the merit and fitness of the
15 persons examined to discharge the duties of the employment
16 sought by them. All examinations shall be open to all applicants
17 who have the minimum qualifications required by the rules and
18 regulations. Each applicant for examination shall be subject to
19 the regulations adopted by the commission and shall be required
20 to submit to a physical examination either before or after being
21 admitted to the regular examination held by the commission.

22 Public notice of the time and place of every examination,
23 together with the information as to the kind of position or
24 place to be filled, shall be given by publication once in a
25 newspaper of general circulation in the municipality or in a
26 newspaper circulating generally in the municipality at least two
27 weeks prior to each examination, and a copy of the notice shall
28 be prominently posted in the office of the commission or other
29 public place.

30 The commission shall post in its office the eligible list

1 containing the names and grades of those who have passed the
2 examination for position under this act. Persons, male or
3 female, who served in the military or naval service of the
4 United States during any war in which the United States has
5 been, is now or shall hereafter be engaged, and who have
6 honorable discharges from such service, who have successfully
7 passed the examination, shall be given the additional credits
8 and preference in appointment and promotion provided for by any
9 law of this Commonwealth.

10 Section 2. Section 19 of the act is amended to read:

11 Section 19. Physical Examinations.--All applicants for
12 examination shall undergo a physical examination as provided in
13 section 11 which shall be conducted under the supervision of a
14 doctor of medicine appointed by the civil service commission. No
15 person shall be eligible [to take an examination] for
16 appointment until said doctor certifies that the applicant is
17 free from any bodily or mental defects, deformity or disease
18 that might incapacitate him from the discharge of the duties of
19 the position desired.

20 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.