THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY TARTAGLIONE, TEPLITZ, BARTOLOTTA, COSTA, YUDICHAK, BREWSTER, SABATINA, RAFFERTY AND HUGHES, JUNE 20, 2016

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AN ACT

Amending the act of August 5, 1941 (P.L.752, No.286), entitled "An act regulating and improving the civil service of certain departments and agencies of the Commonwealth; vesting in the 3 State Civil Service Commission and a Personnel Director 4 certain powers and duties; providing for classification of positions, adoption of compensation schedules and 6 7 certification of payrolls; imposing duties upon certain officers and employes of the Commonwealth; authorizing 8 service to other State departments or agencies and political 9 subdivisions of the Commonwealth in matters relating to civil 10 service; defining certain crimes and misdemeanors; imposing 11 penalties; making certain appropriations, and repealing 12 certain acts and parts thereof," in selection of employes for entrance to or promotion in the classified service, providing 13 14 for additional points in grading civil service examinations 15 of applicants with disabilities. 16 17 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 18 hereby enacts as follows: 19 Section 1. The act of August 5, 1941 (P.L.752, No.286), 20 known as the Civil Service Act, is amended by adding a section 21 to read: 22 Section 508. Additional Points in Grading Civil Service 23 Examinations of Applicants with Disabilities. 24 (a) Whenever an applicant with a disability successfully

passes a civil service appointment examination for a public

- 1 position in this Commonwealth, or any political subdivision
- 2 thereof, and establishes that the person possesses the
- 3 qualifications required by law for appointment to the public
- 4 position, the person's examination shall be marked or graded an
- 5 <u>additional five points above the mark or grade credited for the</u>
- 6 examination, and the total mark or grade thus obtained shall
- 7 represent the final mark or grade of the person and shall
- 8 <u>determine the person's standing on any eligible list, certified</u>
- 9 or furnished to the appointing power.
- 10 (b) The director shall advertise, on the commission's
- 11 publicly accessible Internet website and in all commission
- 12 announcements, advertisements and examination materials that to
- 13 determine standing on all certified eligibility lists, an
- 14 <u>additional five points will be applied to the final examination</u>
- 15 score obtained by an applicant with a disability in accordance
- 16 with this section.
- 17 (c) (1) In order to qualify for the additional points as
- 18 provided in subsection (a), an applicant must voluntarily
- 19 <u>disclose to the commission that the applicant has a disability</u>
- 20 and submit any supporting documentation as required by the
- 21 commission under this section.
- 22 (2) Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring
- 23 <u>an applicant to disclose a disability in violation of any</u>
- 24 Federal, State or local law.
- 25 (d) As used in this section, the term "applicant with a
- 26 disability" shall mean an applicant who discloses to the
- 27 commission that the applicant has a handicap or disability as
- 28 defined under the act of October 27, 1955 (P.L.744, No.222),
- 29 known as the "Pennsylvania Human Relations Act" as required
- 30 under subsection (c).

1 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.