55-B Employment of persons with disabilities by the state.

 § 55-b. Employment of persons with disabilities by the state. 1. The

 commission may determine up to twelve hundred positions with duties such

 as can be performed by persons with a physical or mental disability who

 are found otherwise qualified to perform satisfactorily the duties of

 any such position. Upon such determination the said positions shall be

 classified in the noncompetitive class, and may be filled only by

 persons who shall have been certified by the employee health service of

 the department as being a person with either a physical or mental

 disability. The number of persons appointed pursuant to this section

 shall not exceed twelve hundred.

 2. Those employees hired under subdivision one of this section, shall

 be afforded the same opportunity to take promotional examinations as

 provided to employees in the competitive class.