

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 357 Session of  
1995

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STABACK, CORRIGAN, BISHOP, LAUGHLIN, PESCI, ROBINSON, KELLER  
AND YOUNGBLOOD, JANUARY 26, 1995

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, JANUARY 26, 1995

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled  
2 "An act relating to counties of the third, fourth, fifth,  
3 sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending, revising,  
4 consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto,"  
5 providing for flags on the graves of recipients of the  
6 Congressional Medal of Honor.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 1922 of the act of August 9, 1955  
10 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, amended June 12,  
11 1986 (P.L.253, No.66), is amended to read:

12 Section 1922. Flags to Decorate Graves.--(a) It shall be  
13 the duty of the county commissioners to provide flags on each  
14 Memorial Day with which to decorate the graves of all deceased  
15 service persons buried within the county. The flags to be used  
16 for such purposes shall be of one standard size, colorfast and  
17 American made, and shall be purchased at the expense of the  
18 county from moneys in the county treasury.

1 (b) Such flags shall be furnished to the various veterans'  
2 organizations in such numbers as they shall require for their  
3 respective communities.

4 (c) The moneys expended by any county under the provisions  
5 of this section shall be in addition to moneys appropriated by  
6 counties for Memorial Day purposes.

7 (d) The authorities in charge of any cemetery are authorized  
8 to remove such flags when the same become unsightly or  
9 weatherworn at any time not before the first working day after  
10 Independence Day of each year with the exception of those flags  
11 displayed on the graves of recipients of the Congressional Medal  
12 of Honor. Flags displayed on the graves of recipients of the  
13 Congressional Medal of Honor shall be replaced by the  
14 authorities in charge of the cemetery when they become unsightly  
15 or weatherworn to insure year-round display of flags on these  
16 graves.

17 (e) Any authority or person in charge of any cemetery who  
18 shall remove or cause the removal of the flags prior to the  
19 first working day after Independence Day or removes or causes  
20 the removal of a flag from the grave of a recipient of the  
21 Congressional Medal of Honor (except to replace a weatherworn,  
22 unsightly or damaged flag), shall be guilty of a summary offense  
23 and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine  
24 in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300) and, upon failure  
25 to pay such fine, to undergo imprisonment not to exceed ninety  
26 days.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.