AN ACT

Amending the act of March 4, 1970 (P.L.128, No.49), entitled "An act granting to the Governor of the Commonwealth the sole authority for regulating the display of the flag of the United States from any public ground or building and from any ground or building of certain other institutions," further providing for display of flag.

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

Section 1. Section 1(c) of the act of March 4, 1970 (P.L.128, No.49), entitled "An act granting to the Governor of the Commonwealth the sole authority for regulating the display of the flag of the United States from any public ground or building and from any ground or building of certain other institutions," is amended to read:

(c) In addition to any other powers or duties imposed by this section, the Governor shall require the Department of General Services to display continuously from a flag pole the official POW/MIA flag until all POW's and MIA's return or are
accounted for in "Soldiers' Grove," as defined in the act of October 30, 1987 (P.L.375, No.75), entitled "An act providing for the designation of certain trees and land on the grounds of the State Capitol in Harrisburg as 'Soldiers' Grove' in honor of war veterans; imposing duties upon the Department of General Services; and making an appropriation," [the official POW/MIA flag until all POW's and MIA's return or are accounted for.] and at all roadside rests and welcome centers operated by the Department of Transportation and Pennsylvania Turnpike rest stops within the meaning of the act of June 7, 1961 (P.L.257, No.151), entitled "An act providing for the construction, erection and maintenance of roadside rests adjacent to State highway routes; providing for the acquisition of interests in land by gift, purchase or condemnation; granting powers to and imposing duties upon the Department of Transportation, the Secretary of Transportation, the Governor and the Department of General Services; authorizing rules and regulations and providing penalties for violations thereof, and making an appropriation," and the regulations promulgated under that act. If a roadside rest or welcome center operated by the Department of Transportation or Pennsylvania Turnpike rest stop has an existing flag pole, the POW/MIA flag may be flown from such flag pole. When the POW/MIA flag is to be displayed with a flag flown at half mast, the POW/MIA flag may be removed.

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