

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 822

**PRINTER NO.** 1046

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

June 29, 2017

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Schwank

**DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill 822 amends 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 the display of the official POW/MIA flag on Commonwealth grounds or buildings.

Section 1 (d) of the act is amended to require that when the United States flag is displayed on any ground or building owned or under the control of the Commonwealth, the official POW/MIA flag shall also be displayed where it can be reasonably accommodated.

Current law only requires that the Governor shall permit the display of the official POW/MIA flag from the flagpoles of any public building or ground in this Commonwealth.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Management Directive 205.24 currently states that the Secretary of General Services, on behalf of the Governor, shall provide guidance to agencies and be consulted on all questions arising regarding the display of flags on Commonwealth buildings and grounds.

Additionally, the legislation only requires the display of an official POW/MIA flag "where it can be reasonably accommodated." According to the Department of General Services, they follow the policy mandated by Management Directive 205.24 and currently do fly official POW/MIA flags on all grounds and buildings under their control, where it's reasonably capable of being accommodated. It's assumed that all other agencies do the same.

Therefore, the enactment of this legislation will have no adverse effect on Commonwealth funds.