

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 625 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY BROOKS, LANGERHOLC, RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, WHITE, BREWSTER, COSTA, KILLION, TARTAGLIONE, FOLMER, WARD, SCARNATI, MCGARRIGLE, ARGALL, YAW, RESCHENTHALER, HUTCHINSON, REGAN, AUMENT, MENSCH AND BROWNE, APRIL 17, 2017

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, OCTOBER 24, 2017

AN ACT

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

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

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

15 Section 1. \* \* \*

16 (c) In addition to any other powers or duties imposed by
17 this section, the Governor shall require the Department of
18 General Services to display continuously from a flag pole in
19 "Soldiers' Grove," as defined in the act of October 30, 1987

1 (P.L.375, No.75), entitled "An act providing for the designation  
2 of certain trees and land on the grounds of the State Capitol in  
3 Harrisburg as 'Soldiers' Grove' in honor of war veterans;  
4 imposing duties upon the Department of General Services; and  
5 making an appropriation," and at all roadside rests and Welcome  
6 Centers within the meaning of the act of June 7, 1961 (P.L.257,  
7 No.151), entitled "An act providing for the construction,  
8 erection and maintenance of roadside rests adjacent to State  
9 highway routes; providing for the acquisition of interests in  
10 land by gift, purchase or condemnation; granting powers to and  
11 imposing duties upon the Department of Transportation, the  
12 Secretary of Transportation, the Governor and the Department of  
13 General Services; authorizing rules and regulations and  
14 providing penalties for violations thereof, and making an  
15 appropriation," and the regulations promulgated under that act  
16 the official POW/MIA flag until all POW's and MIA's return or  
17 are accounted for. IF THE ROADSIDE REST OR WELCOME CENTER HAS AN <--  
18 EXISTING FLAG POLE, THE POW/MIA FLAG MAY BE FLOWN FROM SUCH FLAG  
19 POLE. WHEN THE POW/MIA FLAG IS TO BE DISPLAYED WITH A FLAG FLOWN  
20 AT HALF MAST, THE POW/MIA FLAG MAY BE REMOVED.

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