
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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YOUNGBLOOD, FEBRUARY 8, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, FEBRUARY 8, 2011

AN ACT

1 Establishing an emergency medical services memorial flag; and
2 imposing duties on the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services
3 Council and the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services in the
4 Department of Health.

5 WHEREAS, The provision of an emergency medical services
6 memorial flag is a small but important act by Commonwealth
7 government to signify its thanks and recognition for the
8 sacrifice of a life in service to the citizens of this
9 Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, The General Assembly enacts this legislation on
11 behalf of all Commonwealth citizens to honor emergency medical
12 services personnel who have died in the line of duty.

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

15 Section 1. Emergency medical services memorial flag.

1 (a) Establishment.--An emergency medical services memorial
2 flag is established for this Commonwealth.

3 (b) Description.--The flag established in subsection (a)
4 shall be created by the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services in
5 the Department of Health in cooperation with the Pennsylvania
6 Emergency Health Services Council.

7 Section 2. Use of flag.

8 The emergency medical services memorial flag may be displayed
9 over emergency medical service memorials, emergency medical
10 service funeral processions and from the poles of any public
11 ground or political subdivision for a period of not more than
12 seven days after the death of a member of any emergency medical
13 service, and as further directed by the Director of Emergency
14 Medical Services in the Department of Health.

15 Section 3. Agency responsibility.

16 The Bureau of Emergency Medical Services in the Department of
17 Health shall maintain the official flag and have the
18 responsibility to implement the provisions of this act and
19 oversee the production, acquisition and distribution of the
20 flag.

21 Section 4. Limitation.

22 Authorized utilization of the emergency medical services
23 memorial flag by the Commonwealth or an entity of the
24 Commonwealth shall not constitute a presumption of eligibility
25 or be admissible as evidence for a claim under the act of June
26 24, 1976 (P.L.424, No.101), referred to as the Emergency and Law
27 Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act.

28 Section 5. Effective date.

29 This act shall take effect in 60 days.