

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1801 Session of 2011

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 3, 2011

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 the display of the official POW/MIA flag.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1(d) 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, added February 10, 1994 (P.L.70, No.5), is amended  
15 and the section is amended by adding subsections to read:

16 Section 1. \* \* \*

17 (d) In addition to any other powers and duties imposed by  
18 this section, the Governor shall [permit]:

19 (1) Require the display of the official POW/MIA flag from

1 the flagpoles of the following public buildings:

2 (i) Each county courthouse.

3 (ii) The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

4 (iii) Other large State office buildings to be determined by  
5 the Governor.

6 (iv) The State Capitol.

7 (2) Permit the display of the official POW/MIA flag from the  
8 flagpoles of any other public building or ground in this  
9 Commonwealth.

10 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, when  
11 displayed with the United States flag on a single staff, a  
12 POW/MIA flag shall be displayed below the flag of the  
13 Commonwealth. When flags are displayed on multiple staffs, the  
14 flag of the Commonwealth shall be displayed to the honor of the  
15 United States flag.

16 (f) The display of a POW/MIA flag in accordance with this  
17 section shall be in a manner designed to ensure that the flag is  
18 visible to the public.

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