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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 625 Session of  
2017

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INTRODUCED BY BROOKS, LANGERHOLC, RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, WHITE,  
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SCARNATI, MCGARRIGLE, ARGALL, YAW, RESCHENTHALER, HUTCHINSON,  
REGAN AND AUMENT, APRIL 17, 2017

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 17, 2017

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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.

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