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HB 2818: service members; flags; half-staff

Sponsor: Representative Nguyen, LD 1

Senate Engrossed

Overview

Requires all state agencies to lower displayed flags to half-staff upon the death of a service member having a home of record in Arizona.

History

The [Federal Flag Codes](#) allow a governor from any state to proclaim the national flag to be flown at half-staff upon the death of a: 1) present or former government official; 2) member of the Armed Forces while serving on active duty; or 3) first responder who dies while serving in the line of duty.

Pursuant to [A.R.S. § 41-852](#), the Arizona State flag and United States flag are to be displayed on or in front of the state capitol building, county courthouses, city halls, town halls and other specified government buildings. Each State flag displayed is to be flown at half-staff for seven days following the death of an incumbent elective state officer.

Provisions

1. Requires all state agencies to lower displayed flags to half-staff upon the Governor's notification of the death of a service member whose home of record was in Arizona or who was stationed in Arizona. (Sec. 1)
2. Mandates the State Flag to be displayed in honor of the United States Flag when flags are displayed on multiple staffs. (Sec. 1)
3. Directs the Governor to notify all state agencies to fly displayed flags in front of state buildings at half-staff within 48 hours after receiving notification of the death of a service member whose home of record is in Arizona. (Sec. 1)

Senate Amendments

1. Specifies that flags are to be lowered to half-staff only if the service member was killed in action.
2. Removes the time requirement that the Governor notify all state agencies within 48 hours of receiving notification.
3. Clarifies that the Governor is to act upon receiving *official* notification.

Prop 105 (45 votes)

Prop 108 (40 votes)

Emergency (40 votes)

Fiscal Note