

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Honor and Remember flag;
 3 creating s. 256.16, F.S.; designating the Honor and
 4 Remember flag as an emblem of the state; authorizing
 5 that the flag be displayed at specified locations, on
 6 specified days, and in a specified manner; requiring
 7 displayed flags to be manufactured in the United
 8 States; authorizing local governments to display the
 9 flag; authorizing each department, agency, or local
 10 government displaying the flag to establish certain
 11 regulations; authorizing the Department of Management
 12 Services to procure and distribute such flags;
 13 providing an effective date.

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 15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 17 Section 1. Section 256.16, Florida Statutes, is created to
 18 read:

19 256.16 Honor and Remember flag.-

20 (1) The Honor and Remember flag is designated as the
 21 state's emblem of the service and sacrifice of the brave men and
 22 women of the United States Armed Forces who have given their
 23 lives in the line of duty.

24 (2) The flag may be displayed:

25 (a) At the following locations:

26 1. Each state-owned building at which the United States

27 flag is displayed.

28 2. All state-owned military memorials.

29 3. Any other state-owned location deemed appropriate.

30 (b) On the following days:

31 1. Armed Forces Day, the third Saturday in May.

32 2. Memorial Day, the last Monday in May.

33 3. Flag Day, June 14.

34 4. Independence Day, July 4.

35 5. National POW-MIA Recognition Day, the third Friday in

36 September.

37 6. Veterans' Day, November 11.

38 7. Gold Star Mother's Day, the last Sunday in September.

39 8. A day on which a member of the United States Armed

40 Forces who is a resident of the state loses his or her life in

41 the line of duty.

42 (c) In a manner designed to ensure visibility to the

43 public.

44 (d) With no more than two additional flags when displayed

45 together on a flagpole.

46 (3) A flag displayed pursuant to this section must be

47 manufactured in the United States.

48 (4) A local government may choose to display the flag in

49 accordance with paragraphs (2)(b), (c), and (d) at any local

50 government building at which the United States flag is displayed

51 and at any other local government location it deems appropriate.

52 (5) By July 1, 2016, each department, agency, or other

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53 establishment responsible for a location specified in paragraph
54 (2) (a), or a local government pursuant to subsection (3), may
55 prescribe such regulations as necessary to carry out this
56 section. Such regulations may not require an employee to report
57 to work solely to provide for display of the flag.

58 (6) By July 31, 2016, the Department of Management
59 Services may begin procurement and distribution of the flag as
60 necessary to comply with this section.

61 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2016.