
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 499 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY DAVIS, READSHAW, DRISCOLL, McNEILL, BRIGGS, COX,
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SACCONE, BOBACK, DAVIDSON, V. BROWN, KORTZ, SCHWEYER AND
THOMAS, FEBRUARY 14, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 14, 2017

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," is amended and the section is amended by adding
15 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.