

House Bill 536

By: Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Gullett of the 19th, Hitchens of the 161st, Williams of the 148th, Lumsden of the 12th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to state and other flags, so as to designate the Honor and Remember flag as the state's
3 emblem of the service and sacrifice of the members of the armed forces; to provide for the
4 display of the Honor and Remember flag at designated state-owned properties on certain
5 designated days; to provide that such flags are manufactured in the United States; to provide
6 that local governments may display the Honor and Remember flag; to provide for the
7 adoption of guidelines for the display of such flags; to provide for the procurement and
8 distribution of such flags; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
9 other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

12 Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state
13 and other flags, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

14 "50-3-14.

15 (a) The Honor and Remember flag is designated as the state's emblem of the service and
16 sacrifice of the brave men and women of the United States armed forces who have given
17 their lives in the line of duty.

18 (b) The Honor and Remember flag may be displayed, in a manner designed to ensure
19 visibility to the public:

20 (1) At the following locations:

21 (A) Any state-owned building at which the United States flag is displayed;

22 (B) Any state-owned military memorials; or

23 (C) Any other state-owned location;

24 (2) On the following days:

25 (A) Armed Forces Day, the third Saturday in May;

26 (B) Memorial Day, the last Monday in May;

- 27 (C) Flag Day, June 14;
28 (D) Independence Day, July 4;
29 (E) National POW-MIA Recognition Day, the third Friday in September;
30 (F) Veterans Day, November 11;
31 (G) Gold Star Mother's Day, the last Sunday in September; and
32 (H) A day on which a member of the United States armed forces who is a resident of
33 the state loses his or her life in the line of duty; and
34 (3) With no more than two additional flags when displayed together on a flagpole.
35 (c) A flag displayed pursuant to this Code section must be manufactured in the United
36 States.
37 (d) A local government may display the flag in accordance with subparagraphs (b)(2)(C)
38 and (b)(2)(D) of this Code section at any local government building at which the United
39 States flag is displayed and at any other local government location it deems appropriate.
40 (e) Any department or agency responsible for a location specified in paragraph (1) of
41 subsection (b) of this Code section, or a local government pursuant to subsection (d) of this
42 Code section, may adopt guidelines as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Code
43 section, provided that such guidelines may not require an employee to report to work solely
44 to display the flag.
45 (f) After July 1, 2019, the Department of Administrative Services may begin procurement
46 and distribution of the flag as necessary to comply with this Code section."

47 **SECTION 2.**

48 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.