

House Bill 966

By: Representatives Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Schofield of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, and Davis of the 87<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state  
2 flag, seal, and other symbols, so as to provide for placement within the capitol building or  
3 grounds of a braille American flag as a monument honoring blind veterans in Georgia and  
4 the United States; to provide for a short title; to provide for design, procurement, and  
5 placement of the monument; to provide that placement of the monument shall comply with  
6 the federal Americans with Disabilities Act; to provide for a definition; to provide for related  
7 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state flag, seal,  
11 and other symbols, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

12 "ARTICLE 8

13 50-3-130.

14 This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Braille American Flag Monument  
15 Honoring Blind Veterans Act of Georgia.'

16 50-3-131.

17 (a) Subject to the availability of funds, there shall be placed within the capitol building or  
18 grounds a braille American flag to serve as a monument honoring the blind veterans of  
19 Georgia and the United States.

20 (b) Such monument shall be designed, procured, and placed by the Capitol Art Standards  
21 Commission in consultation with a charitable organization representing or providing  
22 support to blind veterans. The Capitol Art Standards Commission shall ensure that  
23 placement of such monument complies with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act,  
24 42 U.S.C. Section 12101, et seq., as amended, and shall address any access or safety  
25 concerns. For purposes of this subsection, the term 'charitable organization' means a  
26 nonprofit charitable organization which is exempt from taxation under the provisions of  
27 Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

28 (c)(1) Such monument shall be subject to final approval by a monument committee  
29 composed of the following members of the General Assembly:

30 (A) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the  
31 House of Representatives;

32 (B) Two members of the Senate appointed by the Lieutenant Governor; and

33 (C) One member from each house of the General Assembly appointed by the  
34 Governor.

35 (2) The monument committee established pursuant to this subsection shall stand  
36 abolished upon placement of such monument.

37 (d) No public funds shall be expended for the design or procurement of such monument.  
38 Gifts and donations from private individuals, organizations, or foundations shall be  
39 accepted and expended by the Capitol Art Standards Commission to carry out the  
40 requirements of this Code section.  
41 (e) Such monument shall be procured and placed as soon as practicable but not before the  
42 state has been granted any intellectual property license necessary for purposes of this Code  
43 section."

44 **SECTION 2.**

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