

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1155

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF; AMENDING SECTION 67-820, IDAHO CODE,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR, UNLESS PROHIBITED BY THE UNITED STATES
3 FLAG CODE, MAY DIRECT THAT THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES BE FLOWN AT
4 HALF-STAFF AT CERTAIN MONUMENTS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DURATION AND RE-
5 NEWAL OF THE DIRECTIVE AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR MAY REQUEST THE
6 TIME, MANNER AND CONDITION OF SUCH DIRECTION IN KEEPING WITH THE TRADI-
7 TIONS OF THE UNITED STATES FLAG CODE.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

10 SECTION 1. That Section 67-820, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
11 amended to read as follows:

12 67-820. FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF -- DEATH IN LINE OF DUTY FOR PO-
13 LICE, FIREFIGHTERS, PARAMEDICS OR EMTS. (1) The governor, upon timely
14 notification and verification of the death of a federal, state or local law
15 enforcement officer, firefighter, paramedic or emergency medical techni-
16 cian who is employed or volunteering for an agency in the state of Idaho and
17 who died in the line of duty, shall direct that the flag of the United States
18 and the state flag be flown at half-staff, from the time of notification to
19 the governor until the day following the memorial service, at the state capi-
20 tol building and at other state and local government buildings. The flags
21 shall be flown upon an existing flagstaff or flagstaffs or, at the option of
22 the governor, a flagstaff or flagstaffs erected at an appropriate site, af-
23 ter consultation with organizations representing law enforcement officers,
24 firefighters, paramedics or emergency medical technicians regarding the
25 location and design of the flagstaff or flagstaffs. The flag flown over the
26 capitol building in honor of the deceased shall be presented to the family.

27 (2) Except as prohibited by the United States flag code, the governor
28 may direct that the flag of the United States be flown at half-staff at a
29 monument honoring fallen service members, which directive shall be effec-
30 tive for a period of one (1) year and may be renewed by the governor annually.
31 The governor may request the time, manner and condition of such direction in
32 keeping with the traditions of the United States flag code.