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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Flag Display on State House Grounds – Honor and Remember and POW/MIA**
3 **Flags**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that the Honor and Remember flag be flown on the State
5 House grounds on certain days each year; altering the days on which the
6 POW/MIA flag is to be flown on State House grounds; requiring the State House
7 Trust to determine the site on the State House grounds where the Honor and
8 Remember flag will be flown; defining a certain term; and generally relating to
9 the display of the Honor and Remember and POW/MIA flags on the State House
10 grounds.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – State Government
13 Section 13–205
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



Article – State Government

13–205.

(a) (1) In this section[,] THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “POW/MIA flag” means the POW/MIA flag of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia.

(3) “HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG” MEANS:

(I) THE HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG CREATED BY HONOR AND REMEMBER, INC., AND DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AS THE OFFICIAL SYMBOL TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY; OR

(II) THE FLAG DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AS THE OFFICIAL SYMBOL TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, IF OTHER THAN THE HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG CREATED BY HONOR AND REMEMBER, INC.

(b) Each year, the POW/MIA flag AND THE HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG shall be flown on the State House grounds on:

(1) THE THIRD SATURDAY IN MAY, FOR ARMED FORCES DAY;

(2) May 30, for Memorial Day;

[(2)] (3) the day that the United States Congress designates for the observance of Memorial Day if other than May 30;

[(3)] (4) the Saturday and Sunday that are closest to May 30, unless the United States Congress designates another day for the observance of Memorial Day, in which case, the Saturday and Sunday that are closest to the day designated by the United States Congress;

(5) JULY 4, FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY;

[(4)] (6) the third Friday in September, for POW/MIA Recognition Day;

[(5)] (7) November 11, for Veterans’ Day;

1 **[(6)] (8)** the day that the United States Congress designates for the
2 observance of Veterans' Day if other than November 11; and

3 **[(7)] (9)** the Saturday and Sunday that are closest to November 11,
4 unless the United States Congress designates another day for the observance of
5 Veterans' Day, in which case, the Saturday and Sunday that are closest to the day
6 designated by the United States Congress.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State House Trust
8 shall determine the site on the State House grounds where the Honor and Remember
9 flag will be flown as required by § 13-205 of the State Government Article, as enacted
10 by Section 1 of this Act.

11 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 July 1, 2011.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.