

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 817
99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1612H.02C

D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal sections 8.012 and 253.048, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the display of the POW/MIA flag.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 8.012 and 253.048, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 8.012 and 253.048, to read as follows:

8.012. **1.** At all state buildings and upon the grounds thereof, the board of public
2 buildings ~~may~~ **shall** accompany the display of the flag of the United States and the flag of this
3 state with the display of the POW/MIA flag, which is designed to commemorate the service and
4 sacrifice of the members of the Armed Forces of the United States who were prisoners of war
5 or missing in action and with the display of the Honor and Remember flag as an official
6 recognition and in honor of fallen members of the Armed Forces of the United States.

7 **2. If a state building does not possess a POW/MIA flag the board shall reach out**
8 **to local veterans organizations to obtain a donated flag.**

9 **3. If the state building is unable to obtain a donated flag or if displaying the flag on**
10 **the existing flagpole would in any circumstance be inconsistent with the provisions of the**
11 **state of Missouri policy for display of national and state flags, the state building shall be**
12 **exempt from this section.**

253.048. **1.** Within the state parks, the department ~~may~~ **shall** accompany the display
2 of the flag of the United States and the flag of this state with the display of the MIA/POW flag,
3 which is designed to commemorate the service and sacrifice of members of the Armed Forces
4 of the United States who were prisoners of war or missing in action and with the display of the
5 Honor and Remember flag as an official recognition and in honor of fallen members of the
6 Armed Forces of the United States.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

7 **2. If a state park does not possess a POW/MIA flag the department shall reach out**
8 **to local veterans organizations to obtain a donated flag.**

9 **3. If the state park is unable to obtain a donated flag or if displaying the flag on the**
10 **existing flagpole would in any circumstance be inconsistent with the provisions of the state**
11 **of Missouri policy for display of national and state flags, the state park shall be exempt**
12 **from this section.**

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