

STATE FLAG AMENDMENTS

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Daniel McCay

House Sponsor: Mike Schultz

LONG TITLE

Committee Note:

The Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee recommended this bill.

Legislative Vote: 10 voting for 4 voting against 2 absent

General Description:

This bill addresses the state flag.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ establishes a new state flag;
- ▶ describes the design and meaning of the new state flag;
- ▶ designates the current state flag as the ceremonial state flag and provides for the flag's display at the discretion of the governor;
- ▶ depicts both flags in images;
- ▶ repeals the State Flag Task Force; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:



28 AMENDS:

29 **63I-2-236**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 97, 141, 363, 437, and 458

30 ENACTS:

31 **63G-1-503**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

32 REPEALS AND REENACTS:

33 **63G-1-501**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 205

34 REPEALS:

35 **36-29-201**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 205

36 **36-29-202**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Second Special Session, Chapter 8

37 **36-29-203**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Second Special Session, Chapter 8



39 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

40 Section 1. Section **63G-1-501** is repealed and reenacted to read:

41 **Part 5. State Flags**

42 **63G-1-501. State flag -- Description -- Display -- Image.**

43 (1) The state flag of Utah shall be a rectangle that has a width to length ratio of three to
44 five and contain the following:

45 (a) two irregular, horizontal lines dividing the flag into three separate segments, of
46 which:

47 (i) the top segment:

48 (A) is located above the higher horizontal line;

49 (B) is shaded in blue; and

50 (C) represents tradition and the dark skies of Utah;

51 (ii) the middle segment:

52 (A) is located between the two horizontal lines;

53 (B) is shaded in white;

54 (C) at the higher horizontal line, takes the shape of a mountain with five peaks, the
55 center peak being the tallest and following the shape of the highest point of the hexagon
56 described in Subsection (1)(b);

57 (D) at the lower horizontal line, takes the shape of a canyon, following the shape of the
58 lowest point of the hexagon described in Subsection (1)(b); and

- 59 (E) represents peace and Utah's snow-covered mountains; and
60 (iii) the bottom segment:
61 (A) is located below the lower horizontal line;
62 (B) is shaded in red; and
63 (C) represents perseverance and the red rocks of Southern Utah;
64 (b) one hexagon that:
65 (i) is shaded in blue;
66 (ii) contains a smaller gold hexagon outline;
67 (iii) is placed within the center of the middle segment described in Subsection
68 (1)(a)(ii); and
69 (iv) represents strength and unity;
70 (c) one beehive that:
71 (i) is shaded in gold;
72 (ii) contains five hive sections with a small semicircle removed from the center of the
73 base of the lowest section;
74 (iii) is placed within the center of the hexagon described in Subsection (1)(b); and
75 (iv) represents industry and community; and
76 (d) one eight-pointed star that:
77 (i) is shaded in white;
78 (ii) is placed below the center of the beehive described in Subsection (1)(c); and
79 (iii) represents hope and the eight federally-recognized Native American Tribes of
80 Utah.
81 (2) The state flag shall appear substantially consistent with the following image:

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83 (3) The state flag shall be displayed on all occasions when the state is officially and
 84 publicly represented, with the privilege of use by all citizens upon any occasion deemed fitting
 85 and appropriate.

86 Section 2. Section **63G-1-503** is enacted to read:

87 **63G-1-503. Ceremonial state flag -- Description -- Display -- Image.**

88 (1) The ceremonial state flag shall be a flag of blue field, with the following device
 89 worked in natural colors on the center of the blue field:

90 (a) in the center a shield;

91 (b) above the shield and thereon an American eagle with outstretched wings;

92 (c) the top of the shield pierced with six arrows arranged crosswise;

93 (d) upon the shield under the arrows the word "Industry," and below the word
 94 "Industry" on the center of the shield, a beehive;

95 (e) on each side of the beehive, growing sego lilies;

96 (f) below the beehive and near the bottom of the shield, the word "Utah";

97 (g) below the word "Utah" and on the bottom of the shield, the figures "1847";

98 (h) behind the shield, there shall be two American flags on flagstuffs placed crosswise
 99 with the flags so draped to project beyond each side of the shield, the heads of the flagstuffs
 100 appearing in front of the eagle's wings and the bottom of each staff appearing over the face of
 101 the draped flag below the shield;

102 (i) below the shield and flags and upon the blue field, the figures "1896"; and

103 (j) around the entire design, a narrow circle in gold.

104 (2) The ceremonial state flag shall appear substantially consistent with the following
105 image:



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107 (3) The ceremonial state flag shall be displayed on state property at the discretion of
108 the governor upon any occasion deemed fitting and appropriate, which may include:

- 109 (a) legal holidays described in Section 63G-1-301;
- 110 (b) commemorative periods described in Section 63G-1-401; and
- 111 (c) oath ceremonies, funerals, visits from government officials or dignitaries, or other
112 specific events.

113 Section 3. Section 63I-2-236 is amended to read:

114 **63I-2-236. Repeal dates: Title 36.**

- 115 (1) Section 36-12-8.2 is repealed July 1, 2023.
- 116 (2) Section 36-29-107.5 is repealed on November 30, 2023.
- 117 (3) Section 36-29-109 is repealed on November 30, 2027.
- 118 (4) Section 36-29-110 is repealed on November 30, 2024.
- 119 (5) Section 36-29-111 is repealed April 30, 2023.

120 ~~[(6) The following sections regarding the State Flag Task Force are repealed on~~
121 ~~January 1, 2024:]~~

- 122 ~~[(a) Section 36-29-201;]~~
- 123 ~~[(b) Section 36-29-202; and]~~
- 124 ~~[(c) Section 36-29-203.]~~
- 125 ~~[(7)]~~ (6) Title 36, Chapter 29, Part 3, Mental Illness Psychotherapy Drug Task Force, is

126 repealed December 31, 2023.

127 Section 4. **Repealer.**

128 This bill repeals:

129 Section **36-29-201**, **Definitions.**

130 Section **36-29-202**, **State Flag Task Force -- Creation -- Membership -- Meetings --**

131 **Vacancies -- Per diem and expenses -- Staff.**

132 Section **36-29-203**, **Task force duties.**