



1           WHEREAS, it is also fitting and proper for a society to  
2 remember, respect, honor, and recognize the history and  
3 heritage and the many contributions of all of the citizenry of  
4 a society, and

5           WHEREAS, it is remembrance and respect for the past  
6 that provides the path for mutual understanding and respect in  
7 the future, NOW, THEREFORE,

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11           Section 1. (1) This act shall be known and may be  
12 cited as the "Florida Historical Monuments and Memorials  
13 Protection Act."

14           (2) No monument, memorial, plaque, or marker  
15 commemorating or memorializing the American Revolutionary War,  
16 the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, the  
17 Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean  
18 War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, or the  
19 Native-American War permanently displayed on public property  
20 of the state or any of its political subdivisions may be  
21 relocated, removed, disturbed, or altered, except for removal  
22 for the express purpose of needed renovations, alterations,  
23 corrections, or due to necessary roadway expansions or other  
24 necessary construction. The state or political subdivision,  
25 whichever is applicable, shall return such monument, memorial,  
26 plaque, or marker to the original location or, if not  
27 feasible, shall place such monument, memorial, plaque, or  
28 marker in another appropriate location on public property for  
29 public display and access.

30           (3) No person or organization may prevent the public  
31 or private body responsible for the protection, preservation,

1 or care of any monument, memorial, plaque, or marker  
2 enumerated in subsection (1) from exercising its  
3 responsibility to protect, preserve, or care for such  
4 monument, memorial, plaque, or marker. A person who violates  
5 the provisions of this subsection commits a misdemeanor of the  
6 second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.  
7 775.083.

8 (4) No street, park, bridge, building, school,  
9 preserve, reserve, or other public area of the state or any of  
10 its subdivisions dedicated in memory of or named for any  
11 historic figure or event may be renamed or rededicated unless  
12 approved by at least a two-thirds vote of the governmental  
13 body responsible for naming such street, park, bridge,  
14 building, school, preserve, reserve, or other public area or  
15 by a vote in excess of two-thirds of the governmental body  
16 when required by local ordinance governing the action of such  
17 governmental body.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
19 law.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Creates the "Florida Historical Monuments and Memorials Protection Act." Prohibits the relocation, removal, disturbance, or alteration of a monument, memorial, plaque, or marker commemorating or memorializing specified wars and military engagements permanently displayed on public property of the state or any of its political subdivisions, except under specified circumstances. Prohibits any person or organization from preventing the public or private body responsible for the protection, preservation, or care of such monument, memorial, plaque, or marker from exercising its responsibility to provide protection, preservation, or care. Provides a second degree misdemeanor penalty for violation.

Prohibits the renaming or rededication of a street, park, bridge, building, school, preserve, reserve, or other public area of the state or any of its political subdivisions dedicated in memory of or named for any historic figure or event.

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